Preface

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Chapter 1
Introducing the Motherboard

Introduction

Thank you for choosing the **H61H2-M12** motherboard. This motherboard is a high performance, enhanced function motherboard designed to support the LGA1155 socket for new 2nd Generation Intel® Core™ i7/i5/i3 series processor/Intel® Pentium® /Celeron® processors for high-end business or personal desktop markets.

This motherboard is based on Intel® H61 Express Chipset for best desktop platform solution. H61 is a single-chip, highly integrated, high performance Hyper-Threading peripheral controller, unmatched by any other single chip-device controller. This motherboard supports up to 16 GB of system memory with dual channel DDR3 1333/ 1066 SDRAM. High resolution graphics via PCI Express x16 slot, intended for Graphics Interface, is fully compliant to the PCI Express Base Specification revision 2.0. In addition, two PCI Express slots are supported. It implements an EHCI (Enhanced Host Controller Interface) compliant interface that provides eight USB 2.0 ports (four USB 2.0 ports at the back panel and two USB 2.0 headers support additional four USB 2.0 ports).

The motherboard is equipped with advanced full set of I/O ports in the rear panel, including PS/2 mouse and PS/2 keyboard connectors, one D_sub (VGA) port, one LAN port, four USB 2.0 ports, and audio jacks for microphone, line-in and line-out.

In addition, this motherboard supports four SATA 3.0Gb/s connectors for expansion.

Feature

Processor

The motherboard uses an LGA1155 type of socket that carries the following features:

- Accommodates new 2nd Generation Intel® Core™ i7/i5/i3 series processor/ Intel® Pentium®/Celeron® processors
- Supports "Hyper-Threading" technology CPU
- One PCI Express x16 Gen2 port supporting up to 5 GB/s direction peak bandwidth

"Hyper-Threading" technology enables the operating system into thinking it's hooked up to two processors, allowing two threads to be run in parallel, both on separate "logical" processors within the same physical processor.

Chipset

The Intel H61 Chipset is a single-chip with proven reliability and performance.

- Support two PCI Express x1 slots
- Integrated four SATA 3.0 Gb/s Host Controller
- Eight USB 2.0 ports supported
- Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) support
- Integrated Graphics Support with PAVP 1.5
- Intel® High Definition Audio Controller

Memory

- Supports DDR3 1333/1066 DDR3 SDRAM with Dual-channel architecture
- Accommodates two unbuffered DIMMs
- Up to 8 GB per DIMM with maximum memory size up to 16 GB

Audio

- 5.1+2 Channel High Definition Audio Codec
- Meets Microsoft WLP3.x (Windows Logo Program) audio requirements
- All DACs supports 44.1k/48k/96k/192kHz sample rate
- Software selectable 2.5V/3.2V/4.0V VREFOUT
- Direct Sound 3D. compatible
- Power Support: Digital: 3.3V; Analog: 5.0V

Onboard LAN (Optional)

The onboard LAN provides the following features:

• Supports PCI Express™ 1.1 • Integrated 10/100/1000 transceiver • Wake-on-LAN and remote wake-up support
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Expansion Options

The motherboard comes with the following expansion options:

- One PCI Express x16 slot for Graphic Interface
- Two PCI Express x1 slots
- Four SATA 3.0 Gb/s connectors

Integrated I/O

The motherboard has a full set of I/O ports and connectors:

- One LAN port
- One D-sub (VGA) port
- Four USB 2.0 ports
- One PS/2 keyboard and PS/2 mouse connectors
- Audio jacks for microphone, line-in and 6-ch line-out

BIOS Firmware

This motherboard uses AMI BIOS that enables users to configure many system features including the following:

- Power management
- Wake-up alarms
- CPU parameters
- CPU and memory timing
- Graphic parameters

The firmware can also be used to set parameters for different processor clock speeds.

1. Some hardware specifications and software items are subject to change without prior notice.

2. Due to chipset limitation, we recommend that motherboard be operated in the ambiance between 0 and 50 ° C.

Specifications

CPU	•	LGA1155 socket for new 2nd Generation Intel® Core™ i7/i5/i3 series processor/Intel® Pentium®/Celeron® processors
	•	Supports "Hyper-Threading" technology CPU
	•	DMI 20Gb/s
Chipset	•	Intel® H61 Chipset
Memory	•	Dual-channel DDR3 memory architecture
	•	2 x 240-pin DDR3 DIMM sockets support up to 16 GB
	•	Supports 1333/1066 DDR3 SDRAM
Expansion Slots	•	1 x PCI Express x16 Gen2 slot
	•	2 x PCI Express x1 slots
Storage	•	Supported by Intel® H61 Express Chipset 4 x Serial ATA 3.0 Gb/s devices
Audio	•	VIA VT1705CE 6-Ch HD audio CODEC
	•	Compliant with HD audio specification
LAN	•	Atheros AR8152-B 10/100 Lan
	•	Atheros AR8151-B Gigabit Lan (Optional)
Rear Panel I/O	•	4 x USB 2.0 ports
	•	1 x D-sub (VGA)
	•	1 x RJ45 LAN connector
	•	1 x Audio port (Line in, microphone in, line out)
	•	1 x PS/2 keyboard & PS/2 mouse connectors
Internal I/O Connectors & Headers	•	1 x 24-pin ATX Power Supply connector
	•	1 x 4-pin ATX Power Supply connector
	•	1 x 4-pin CPU_FAN connector
	•	1 x 3-pin SYS_FAN connector
	•	2 x USB 2.0 headers support additional four USB 2.0 ports
	•	4 x Serial ATA 3.0 Gb/s connectors
	•	1 x COM header
	•	1 x Case Open header
	•	1 x ME_UNLOCK header
	•	1 x Speaker header
	•	1 x Clear CMOS header
	•	1 x Front Panel switch/LED header
	•	1 x Front Panel audio header
	•	1 x LDC header
System BIOS	•	AMI BIOS with 32Mb SPI Flash ROM
	•	Support Multi-language BIOS Utility
	•	Support ECS M.I.B III Utility
AP support	•	Support eBLU/eDLU/eSF
Form Factor	•	Micro-ATX Size, 225mm x 170mm

Motherboard Components

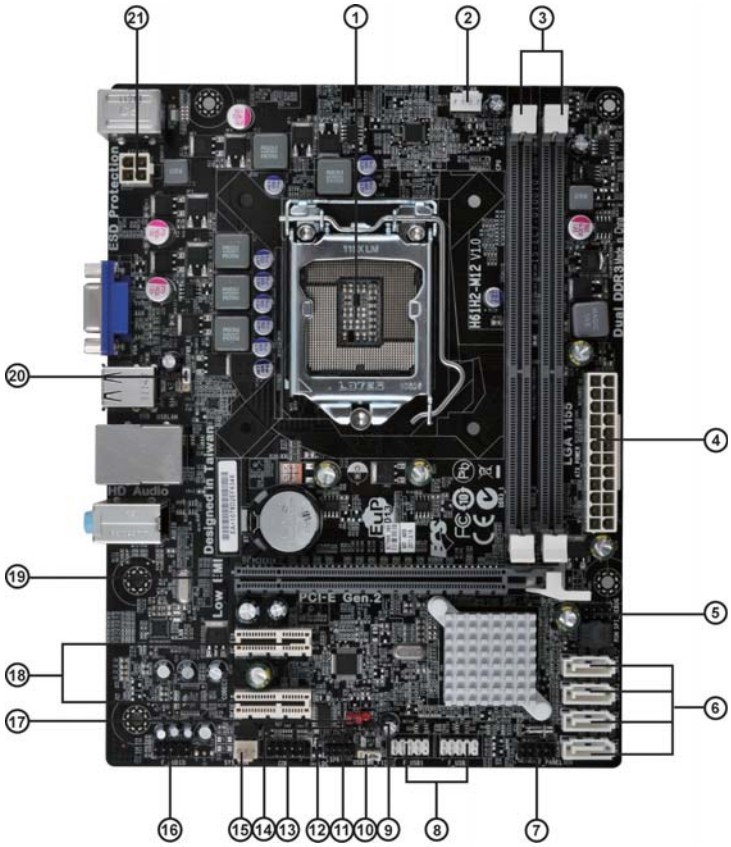


Table of Motherboard Components

LABEL	COMPONENTS
1. CPU Socket	LGA1155 socket for new 2nd Generation Intel® Core™ i7/i5/i3 series processor/Intel® Pentium® Celeron® processors
2. CPU_FAN	4-pin CPU cooling fan connector
3. DDR3_1~2	240-pin DDR3 SDRAM slots
4. ATX_POWER	Standard 24-pin ATX power connector
5. SPI_DEBUG	SPI debug header-for factory use only
6. SATA1~4	Serial ATA 3.0 Gb/s connectors
7. F_PANEL	Front panel switch/LED header
8. F_USB1~2	Front panel USB 2.0 headers
9. CASE	CASE open header
10. USBPWR_F1	Front Panel USB power select jumper
11. SPK	Speaker header
12. LDC	Debug card header
13. COM	Onboard serial port header
14. ME_UNLOCK	ME unlock header-for factory use only
15. SYS_FAN	3-pin system cooling fan connector
16. F_AUDIO	Front panel audio header
17. CLR_CMOS	Clear CMOS jumper
18. PCIE1~2	PCI Express x1 slot
19. PCIEX16	PCI Express slot for graphics interface
20. USBPWR_R1	Rear USB/PS2 power select jumper
21. ATX12V	4-pin +12V power connector

This concludes Chapter 1. The next chapter explains how to install the motherboard.

Chapter 2
Installing the Motherboard

Safety Precautions

- Follow these safety precautions when installing the motherboard
- Wear a grounding strap attached to a grounded device to avoid damage from static electricity
- Discharge static electricity by touching the metal case of a safely grounded object before working on the motherboard
- Leave components in the static-proof bags they came in
- Hold all circuit boards by the edges. Do not bend circuit boards

Choosing a Computer Case

There are many types of computer cases on the market. The motherboard complies with the specifications for the Micro-ATX system case. Some features on the motherboard are implemented by cabling connectors on the motherboard to indicators and switches on the system case. Make sure that your case supports all the features required.

Most cases have a choice of I/O templates in the rear panel. Make sure that the I/O template in the case matches the I/O ports installed on the rear edge of the motherboard.

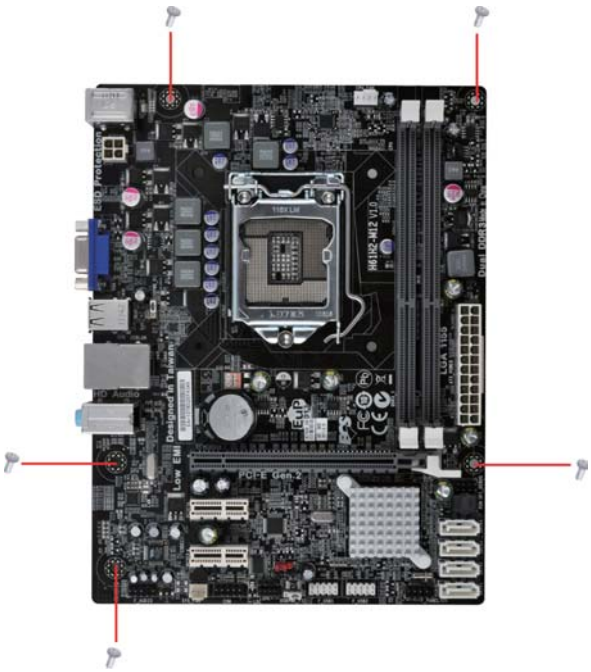
This motherboard carries a Micro-ATX form factor of 225 x 170 mm. Choose a case that accommodates this form factor.

Installing the Motherboard in a Case

Refer to the following illustration and instructions for installing the motherboard in a case.

Most system cases have mounting brackets installed in the case, which correspond the holes in the motherboard. Place the motherboard over the mounting brackets and secure the motherboard onto the mounting brackets with screws.

Ensure that your case has an I/O template that supports the I/O ports and expansion slots on your motherboard.



Do not over-tighten the screws as this can stress the motherboard.

Checking Jumper Settings

This section explains how to set jumpers for correct configuration of the motherboard.

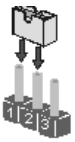
Setting Jumpers

Use the motherboard jumpers to set system configuration options. Jumpers with more than one pin are numbered. When setting the jumpers, ensure that the jumper caps are placed on the correct pins.

The illustrations show a 2-pin jumper. When the jumper cap is placed on both pins, the jumper is SHORT. If you remove the jumper cap, or place the jumper cap on just one pin, the jumper is OPEN.

SHORT OPEN

This illustration shows a 3-pin jumper. Pins 1 and 2 are SHORT.



Checking Jumper Settings

The following illustration shows the location of the motherboard jumpers. Pin 1 is labeled.

Jumper Settings

Jumper	Type	Description	Setting (default)	
CLR_CMOS	3-pin	Clear CMOS	1-2: NORMAL 2-3: CLEAR Before clearing the CMOS, make sure to turn off the system.	1 **CLR_CMOS**
USBPWR_F1	3-pin	Front Panel USB Power Select Jumper	1-2: VCC 2-3: DIMM_5VDUAL	1 **USBPWR_F1**
USBPWR_R1	3-pin	Rear USB PS/2 Power Select Jumper	1-2: VCC 2-3: DIMM_5VDUAL	1 **USBPWR_R1**

1.To avoid the system instability after clearing CMOS, we recommend users to enter the main BIOS setting page to "Load Default Settings" and then "Save and Exit Setup".

2.Make sure the power supply provides enough DIMM_5VDUAL voltage before selecting the DIMM_5VDUAL function.

3.It is required that users place the USBPWR_F1 & USBPWR_R1 cap onto 2-3 pin rather than 1-2 pin as default if you want to wake up the computer by USB/PS2 KB/Mouse.

Installing Hardware

Installing the Processor

Caution: When installing a CPU heatsink and cooling fan make sure that you DO NOT scratch the motherboard or any of the surface-mount resistors with the clip of the cooling fan. If the clip of the cooling fan scrapes across the motherboard, you may cause serious damage to the motherboard or its components.

On most motherboards, there are small surface-mount resistors near the processor socket, which may be damaged if the cooling fan is carelessly installed.

Avoid using cooling fans with sharp edges on the fan casing and the clips. Also, install the cooling fan in a well-lit work area so that you can clearly see the motherboard and processor socket.

Before installing the Processor

This motherboard automatically determines the CPU clock frequency and system bus frequency for the processor. You may be able to change the settings in the system Setup Utility. We strongly recommend that you do not over-clock processors or other components to run faster than their rated speed.

Warning:

1. Over-clocking components can adversely affect the reliability of the system and introduce errors into your system. Over-clocking can permanently damage the motherboard by generating excess heat in components that are run beyond the rated limits.

2. Always remove the AC power by unplugging the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing the motherboard or other hardware components.

This motherboard has an LGA1155 socket. When choosing a processor, consider the performance requirements of the system. Performance is based on the processor design, the clock speed and system bus frequency of the processor, and the quantity of internal cache memory and external cache memory.

Fail-Safe Procedures for Over-clocking

When end-users encounter failure after attempting over-clocking, please take the following steps to recover from it.

1. Shut down the computer.

2. Press and hold the “Page Up Key (PgUp)” of the keyboard, and then boot the PC up.

3. Two seconds after the PC boots up, release the “Page Up Key (PgUp)”.

4. The BIOS returns to the default setting by itself.

CPU Installation Procedure

The following illustration shows CPU installation components.

A. Disengaging of the Load Lever
· Press the hook of lever down and pull it to the right side to release it from retention tab.

B. Opening of the Load Plate
· Lift the tail of the load lever.
· Rotate the load plate to fully open position.

C. Removing the Cap
· Be careful not to touch the contact at any time.

D. Inserting the Package
· Grasp the package. Ensure to grasp on the edge of the substrate.
· Make sure pin 1 indicator is on your bottom-left side.
· Aim at the socket and place the package carefully into the socket by purely vertical motion.

E. Closing the Load Plate
· Rotate the load plate onto the package IHS (Intergraded Heat Spreader).
· Engage the load lever while pressing down lightly onto the load plate.
· Secure the load lever with the hook under retention tab.

F. Fasten the cooling fan supporting base onto the CPU socket on the motherboard.

G. Make sure the CPU fan is plugged to the CPU fan connector. Please refer to the CPU cooling fan user's manual for more detail installation procedure.

1. To achieve better airflow rates and heat dissipation, we suggest that you use a high quality fan with 3800 rpm at least. CPU fan and heatsink installation procedures may vary with the type of CPU fan/ heatsink supplied. The form and size of fan/heatsink may also vary.

2. DO NOT remove the CPU cap from the socket before installing a CPU.

3. Return Material Authorization (RMA) requests will be accepted only if the motherboard comes with the cap on the LGA1155 socket.

Installing Memory Modules

This motherboard accommodates two memory modules. It can support two 240-pin DDR3 1333/1066. The total memory capacity is 16 GB.

DDR3 SDRAM memory module table

Memory module	Memory Bus
DDR3 1066	*533 MHz*
DDR3 1333	*667 MHz*

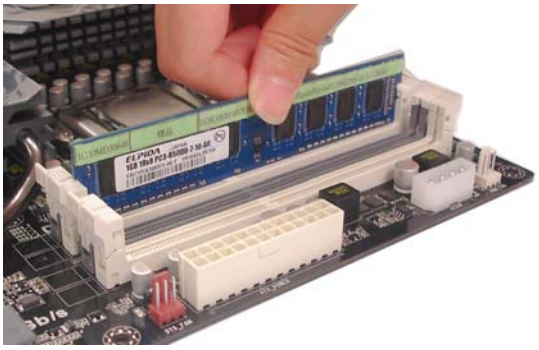
You must install at least one module in any of the two slots. Total memory capacity is 16 GB.

Do not remove any memory module from its antistatic packaging until you are ready to install it on the motherboard. Handle the modules only by their edges. Do not touch the components or metal parts. Always wear a grounding strap when you handle the modules.

Installation Procedure

Refer to the following to install the memory modules.

1. This motherboard supports unbuffered DDR3 SDRAM .
2. Push the latches on each side of the DIMM slot down.
3. Align the memory module with the slot. The DIMM slots are keyed with notches and the DIMMs are keyed with cutouts so that they can only be installed correctly.
4. Check that the cutouts on the DIMM module edge connector match the notches in the DIMM slot.
5. Install the DIMM module into the slot and press it firmly down until it seats correctly. The slot latches are levered upwards and latch on to the edges of the DIMM.
6. Install any remaining DIMM modules.



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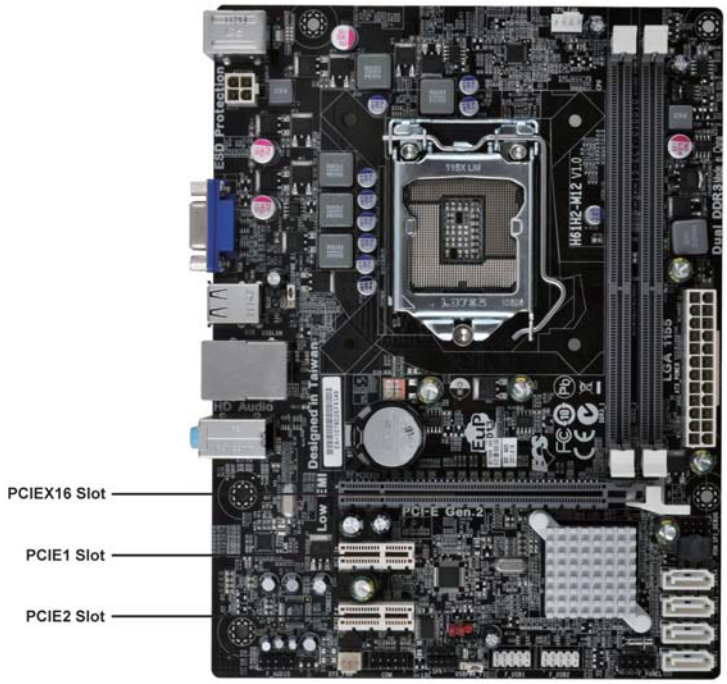
Expansion Slots

Installing Add-on Cards

The slots on this motherboard are designed to hold expansion cards and connect them to the system bus. Expansion slots are a means of adding or enhancing the motherboard's features and capabilities. With these efficient facilities, you can increase the motherboard's capabilities by adding hardware that performs tasks that are not part of the basic system.



PCIEX16 Slot The PCI Express x16 slot is used to install an external PCI Express graphics card that is fully compliant to the PCI Express Base Specification revision 2.0.

PCIE1~2 Slots The PCI Express x1 slots are fully compliant to the PCI Express Base Specification revision 2.0.

Before installing an add-on card, check the documentation for the card carefully. If the card is not Plug and Play, you may have to manually configure the card before installation.

Follow these instructions to install an add-on card:

1 Remove a blanking plate from the system case corresponding to the slot you are going to use.
2 Install the edge connector of the add-on card into the expansion slot. Ensure that the edge connector is correctly seated in the slot.
3 Secure the metal bracket of the card to the system case with a screw.

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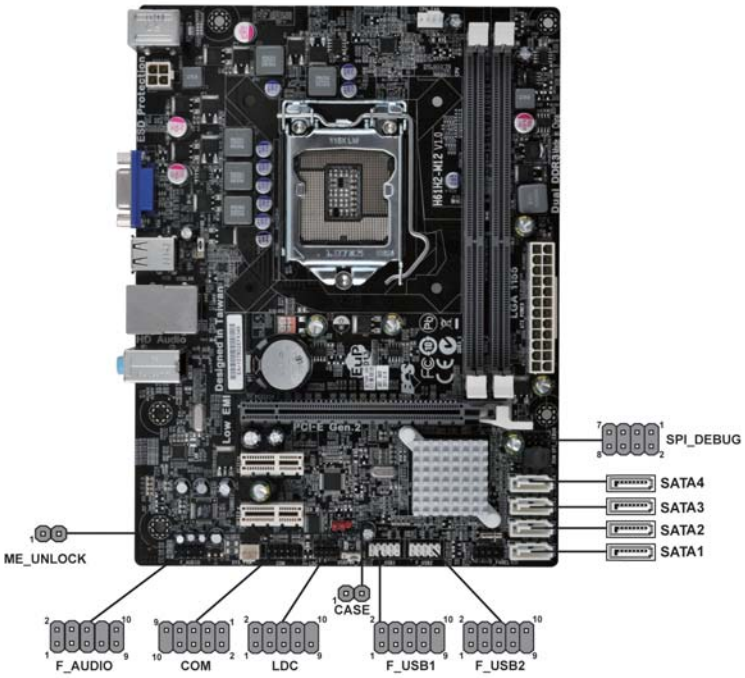
1. For some add-on cards, for example graphics adapters and network adapters, you have to install drivers and software before you can begin using the add-on card.

2. The onboard PCI interface does not support 64-bit SCSI cards.

Connecting Optional Devices

Refer to the following for information on connecting the motherboard's optional devices:



F_AUDIO: Front Panel Audio header

This header allows the user to install auxiliary front-oriented microphone and line-out ports for easier access.

Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	PORT 1L	2	AUD_GND
3	PORT 1R	4	PRESENCE#
5	PORT 2R	6	SENSE1_RETURN
7	SENSE_SEND	8	KEY
9	PORT 2L	10	SENSE2_RETURN

SATA1~4: Serial ATA connectors

These connectors are used to support the Serial ATA 3.0Gb/s device, simpler disk drive cabling and easier PC assembly. It eliminates limitations of the current Parallel ATA interface. But maintains register compatibility and software compatibility with Parallel ATA.

Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	Ground	2	TX+
3	TX-	4	Ground
5	RX-	6	RX+
7	Ground	-	-

F_USB1~2: Front Panel USB 2.0 headers

The motherboard has two USB 2.0 headers supporting four USB 2.0 ports. Additionally, some computer cases have USB 2.0 ports at the front of the case. If you have this kind of case, use auxiliary USB 2.0 connector to connect the front-mounted ports to the motherboard.

Pin	Signal Name	Function
1	USBPWR	Front Panel USB Power
2	USBPWR	Front Panel USB Power
3	USB_FP_P0-	USB Port 0 Negative Signal
4	USB_FP_P1-	USB Port 1 Negative Signal
5	USB_FP_P0+	USB Port 0 Positive Signal
6	USB_FP_P1+	USB Port 1 Positive Signal
7	GND	Ground
8	GND	Ground
9	Key	No pin
10	NC	Not connected

Please make sure that the USB cable has the same pin assignment as indicated above. A different pin assignment may cause damage or system hang-up.

CASE: Chassis Intrusion Detect Header

This detects if the chassis cover has been removed. This function needs a chassis equipped with instrusion detection switch and needs to be enabled in BIOS.

Pin 1-2	Function
Short	Chassis cover is removed
Open	Chassis cover is closed

ME_UNLOCK: ME Unlock Header

Pin 1-2	Function
Short	Unlock
Open	Lock

COM: Onboard serial port header

Connect a serial port extension bracket to this header to add a serial port to your system.

Pin	Signal Name	Function
1	DCDB	Data Carrier Detect
2	SINB	Serial Input
3	SOUTB	UART B Serial Output
4	DTRB	UART B Data Terminal Ready
5	GND	Ground
6	DSRB	Data Set Ready
7	RTSB	RART B Request to Send
8	CTSB	Clear to Send
9	RI	Ring Indicator
10	Key	No pin

Installing a SATA Hard Drive

This section describes how to install a SATA Hard Drive.

About SATA Connectors

Your motherboard features four SATA connectors supporting a total of four drives. SATA refers to Serial ATA (Advanced Technology Attachment) is the standard interface for the IDE hard drives which are currently used in most PCs. These connectors are well designed and will only fit in one orientation. Locate the SATA connectors on the motherboard and follow the illustration below to install the SATA hard drives.

Installing Serial ATA Hard Drives

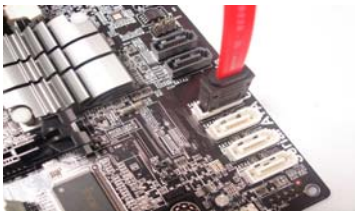
To install the Serial ATA (SATA) hard drives, use the SATA cable that supports the Serial ATA protocol. This SATA cable comes with a SATA power cable. You can connect either end of the SATA cable to the SATA hard drive or the connector on the motherboard.

SATA cable (optional)

SATA power cable (optional)

Refer to the illustration below for proper installation:

1 Attach either cable end to the connector on the motherboard.
2 Attach the other cable end to the SATA hard drive.
3 Attach the SATA power cable to the SATA hard drive and connect the other end to the power supply.



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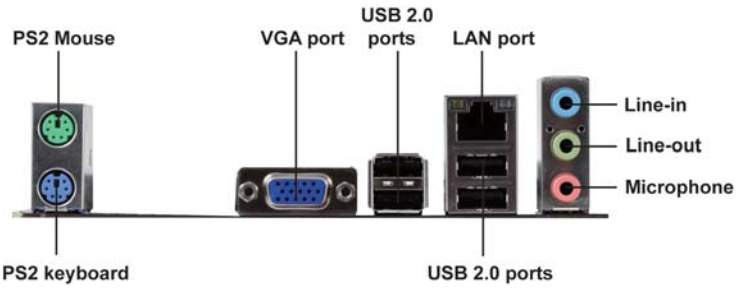
Connecting I/O Devices

The backplane of the motherboard has the following I/O ports:

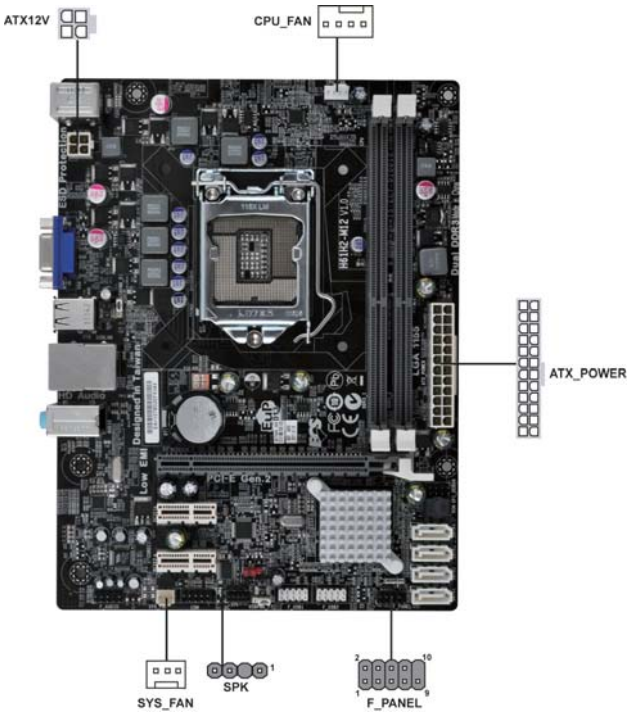


PS2 Mouse	Use the upper PS/2 port to connect a PS/2 pointing device.
PS2 Keyboard	Use the lower PS/2 port to connect a PS/2 keyboard.
VGA Port	Connect your monitor to the VGA port.
LAN Port	Connect an RJ-45 jack to the LAN port to connect your computer to the Network.
USB 2.0 Ports	Use the USB 2.0 ports to connect USB 2.0 devices.
Audio Ports	Use the three audio ports to connect audio devices. The first jack is for stereo line-in singal. The second jack is for stereo line-out singal. The third jack is for microphone.

Connecting Case Components

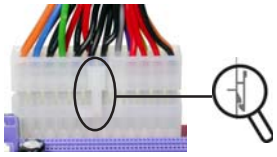
After you have installed the motherboard into a case, you can begin connecting the motherboard components. Refer to the following:

1 Connect the CPU cooling fan cable to **CPU_FAN**.
2 Connect the standard power supply connector to **ATX_POWER**.
3 Connect the case switches and indicator LEDs to the **F_PANEL**.
4 Connect the system cooling fan connector to **SYS_FAN**.
5 Connect the auxiliary case power supply connector to **ATX12V**.
6 Connect the case speaker cable to **SPK**.



Connecting 24-pin power cable

The ATX 24-pin connector allows you to connect to ATX v2.x power supply.

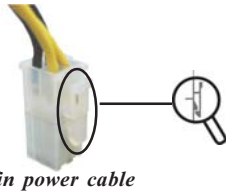


24-pin power cable

With ATX v2.x power supply, users please note that when installing 24-pin power cable, the latches of power cable and the ATX match perfectly.

Connecting 4-pin power cable

The ATX12V4P power connector is used to provide power to the CPU.



4-pin power cable

When installing 4-pin power cable, the latches of power cable and the ATX12V4P match perfectly.

CPU_FAN: CPU cooling FAN Power Connector

Pin	Signal Name	Function
1	GND	System Ground
2	+12V	Power +12V
3	Sense	Sensor
4	PWM	PWM

Users please note that the fan connector supports the CPU cooling fan of 1.1A ~ 2.2A (26.4W max) at +12V.

SYS_FAN: System Cooling FAN Power Connector

Pin	Signal Name	Function
1	GND	System Ground
2	+12V	Power +12V
3	Sense	Sensor

ATX_POWER: ATX 24-pin Power Connector

Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	+3.3V	13	+3.3V
2	+3.3V	14	-12V
3	Ground	15	Ground
4	+5V	16	PS_ON
5	Ground	17	Ground
6	+5V	18	Ground
7	Ground	19	Ground
8	PWRGD	20	-5V
9	+5VSB	21	+5V
10	+12V	22	+5V
11	+12V	23	+5V
12	+3.3V	24	Ground

ATX12V: ATX 12V Power Connector

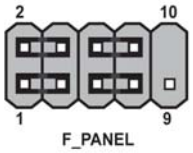
Pin	Signal Name
1	Ground
2	Ground
3	+12V
4	+12V

SPK: Internal speaker

Pin	Signal Name
1	VCC
2	Key
3	GND
4	Signal

Front Panel Header

The front panel header (F_PANEL) provides a standard set of switch and LED headers commonly found on ATX or Micro ATX cases. Refer to the table below for information:



Pin	Signal	Function	Pin	Signal	Function
1	HD_LED_P	Hard disk LED(+)	2	FP PWR/SLP	*MSG LED(+)
3	HD_LED_N	Hard disk LED(-)	4	FP PWR/SLP	*MSG LED(-)
5	RST_SW_N	Reset Switch(-)	6	PWR_SW_P	Power Switch(+)
7	RST_SW_P	Reset Switch(+)	8	PWR_SW_N	Power Switch(-)
9	RSVD	Reserved	10	Key	No pin

** MSG LED (dual color or single color)*

Hard Drive Activity LED

Connecting pins 1 and 3 to a front panel mounted LED provides visual indication that data is being read from or written to the hard drive. For the LED to function properly, an IDE drive should be connected to the onboard IDE interface. The LED will also show activity for devices connected to the SCSI (hard drive activity LED) connector.

Power/Sleep/Message waiting LED

Connecting pins 2 and 4 to a single or dual-color, front panel mounted LED provides power on/off, sleep, and message waiting indication.

Reset Switch

Supporting the reset function requires connecting pin 5 and 7 to a momentary-contact switch that is normally open. When the switch is closed, the board resets and runs POST.

Power Switch

Supporting the power on/off function requires connecting pins 6 and 8 to a momentary-contact switch that is normally open. The switch should maintain contact for at least 50 ms to signal the power supply to switch on or off. The time requirement is due to internal de-bounce circuitry. After receiving a power on/off signal, at least two seconds elapses before the power supply recognizes another on/off signal.

This concludes Chapter 2. The next chapter covers the BIOS.

Chapter 3
Using BIOS

About the Setup Utility

The computer uses the latest "American Megatrends Inc. " BIOS with support for Windows Plug and Play. The CMOS chip on the motherboard contains the ROM setup instructions for configuring the motherboard BIOS.

The BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) Setup Utility displays the system's configuration status and provides you with options to set system parameters. The parameters are stored in battery-backed-up CMOS RAM that saves this information when the power is turned off. When the system is turned back on, the system is configured with the values you stored in CMOS.

The BIOS Setup Utility enables you to configure:

- Hard drives, diskette drives and peripherals
- Video display type and display options
- Password protection from unauthorized use
- Power Management features

The settings made in the Setup Utility affect how the computer performs. Before using the Setup Utility, ensure that you understand the Setup Utility options.

This chapter provides explanations for Setup Utility options.

The Standard Configuration

A standard configuration has already been set in the Setup Utility. However, we recommend that you read this chapter in case you need to make any changes in the future.

This Setup Utility should be used:

- when changing the system configuration
- when a configuration error is detected and you are prompted to make changes to the Setup Utility
- when trying to resolve IRQ conflicts
- when making changes to the Power Management configuration
- when changing the password or making other changes to the Security Setup

Entering the Setup Utility

When you power on the system, BIOS enters the Power-On Self Test (POST) routines. POST is a series of built-in diagnostics performed by the BIOS. After the POST routines are completed, the following message appears:

Press DEL to enter SETUP

Press the delete key to access BIOS Setup Utility.

Resetting the Default CMOS Values

When powering on for the first time, the POST screen may show a "CMOS Settings Wrong" message. This standard message will appear following a clear CMOS data at factory by the manufacturer. You simply need to Load Default Settings to reset the default CMOS values.

Note: Changes to system hardware such as different CPU, memories, etc. may also trigger this message.

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Version 2.02.1205. Copyright (C) 2010 American Megatrends, Inc.
Press <F7> to enter BBS POPUP
Press <DEL> or <F2> to enter setup.
CMOS Settings Wrong

Using BIOS

When you start the Setup Utility, the main menu appears. The main menu of the Setup Utility displays a list of the options that are available. A highlight indicates which option is currently selected. Use the cursor arrow keys to move the highlight to other options. When an option is highlighted, execute the option by pressing <Enter>.

Some options lead to pop-up dialog boxes that prompt you to verify that you wish to execute that option. Other options lead to dialog boxes that prompt you for information.

Some options (marked with a icon ▶) lead to submenus that enable you to change the values for the option. Use the cursor arrow keys to scroll through the items in the submenu.

In this manual, default values are enclosed in parenthesis. Submenu items are denoted by a icon ›.

The default BIOS setting for this motherboard apply for most conditions with optimum performance. We do not suggest users change the default values in the BIOS setup and take no responsibility to any damage caused by changing the BIOS settings.

BIOS Navigation Keys

The BIOS navigation keys are listed below:

KEY	FUNCTION
ESC	Exits the current menu
↑↓→←	Scrolls through the items on a menu
+/-	Change Opt.
Enter	Select
F1	General Help
F2	Previous Value
F3	Optimized Defaults
F4	Save & Exit

1. For the purpose of better product maintenance, the manufacture reserves the right to change the BIOS items presented in this manual. The BIOS setup screens shown in this chapter are for reference only and may differ from the actual BIOS. Please visit the manufacture's website for updated manual.
2. In this Gui BIOS, you can operate by mouse or keyboard. Click : select item; Double click: enter; Right click: exit.

Language

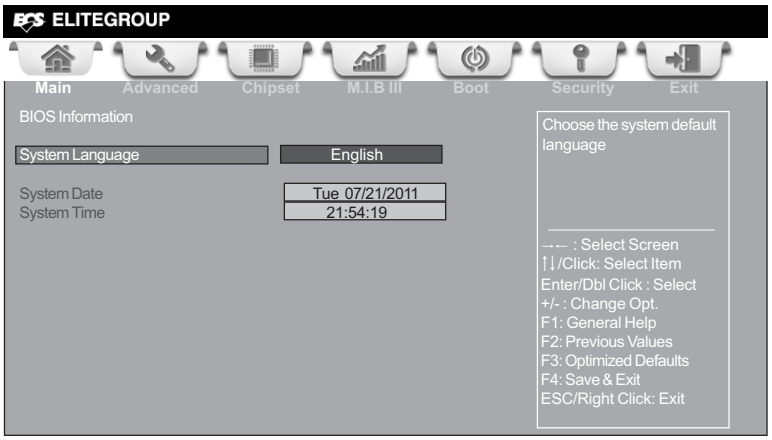
Select the language icon and press <Enter> or double click the left key of the mouse to display the the following screen. Then you can choose the language which displays in the following screen.

Advanced

Select the advanced icon and press <Enter> or double click the left key of the mouse to display the the following screen.

Main Menu

This menu shows the information of BIOS and enables you to set the system language, date and time.



System Language (English)

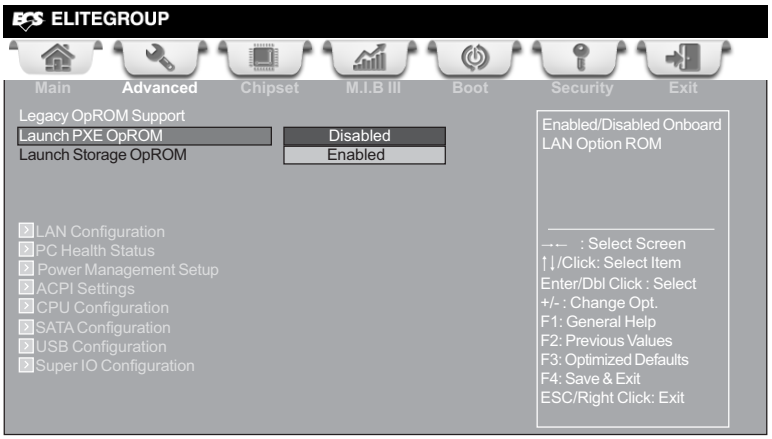
This item is used to set system language.

Date & Time

The Date and Time items show the current date and time on the computer. If you are running a Windows OS, these items are automatically updated whenever you make changes to the Windows Date and Time Properties utility.

Advanced Menu

The Advanced menu items allow you to change the settings for the CPU and other system.



Launch PXE OpROM (Disabled)

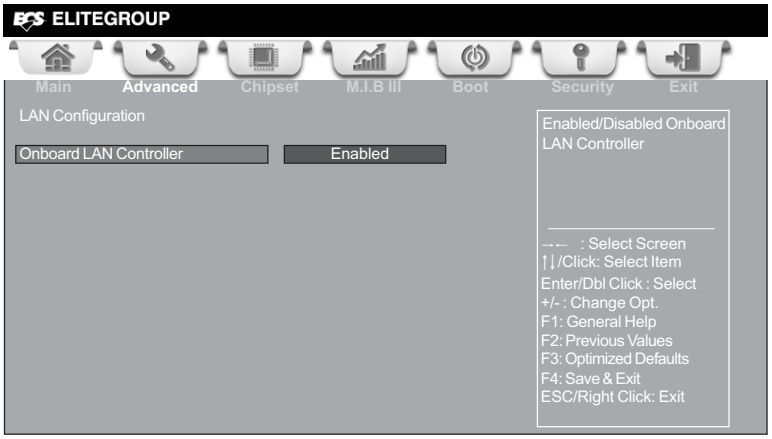
The item enables or disables launch PXE Option ROM.

Launch Storage OpROM (Enabled)

Use this item to enable or disable the Storage OpROM.

LAN Configuration

The item in the menu shows the LAN-related information that the BIOS automatically detects.



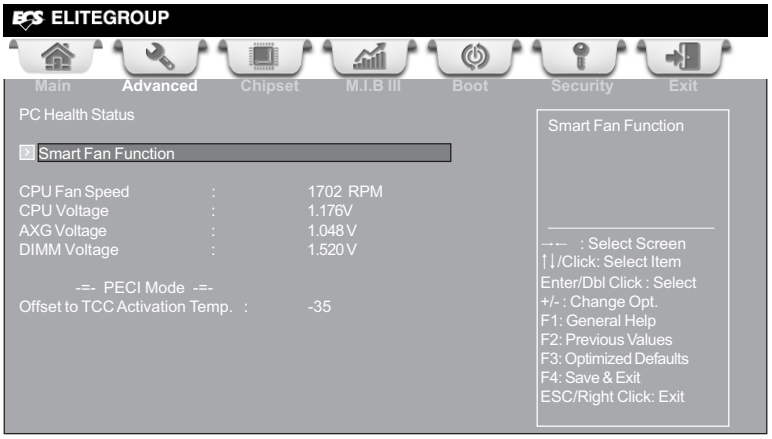
Onboard LAN Controller (Enabled)

Use this item to enable or disable the Onboard LAN.

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Menu page.

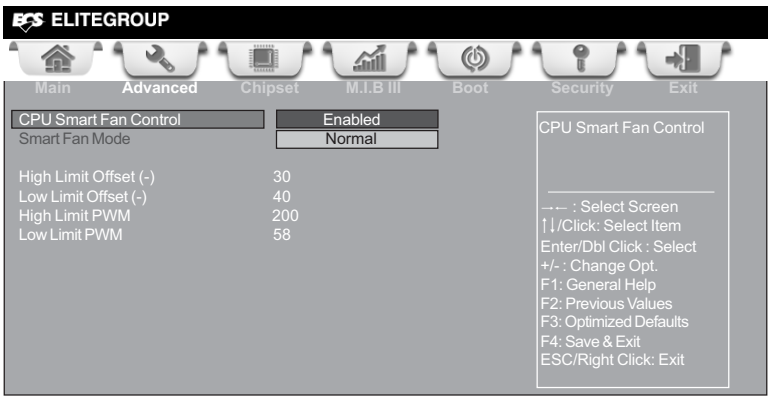
PC Health Status

On motherboards support hardware monitoring, this item lets you monitor the parameters for critical voltages, temperatures and fan speeds.



▶Smart Fan Function

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen:



CPU Smart Fan Control (Enabled)

This item allows you to enable/disable the control of the CPU fan speed by changingthe fan voltage.

Smart Fan Mode (Normal)

This item allows you to select the fan mode (Normal, Quiet, Silent, or Manual) for a better operation environment. If you choose Normal mode, the fan speed will be auto adjusted depending on the CPU temperature. If you choose Quite mode, the fan speed will be auto minimized for quiet environment. If you choose Silent mode, the fan speed will be auto restricted to make system more quietly. If you choose Manual mode, the fan speed will be adjust depending on users' parameters.

Press <Esc> to return to the PC Health Status page.

System Component Characteristics

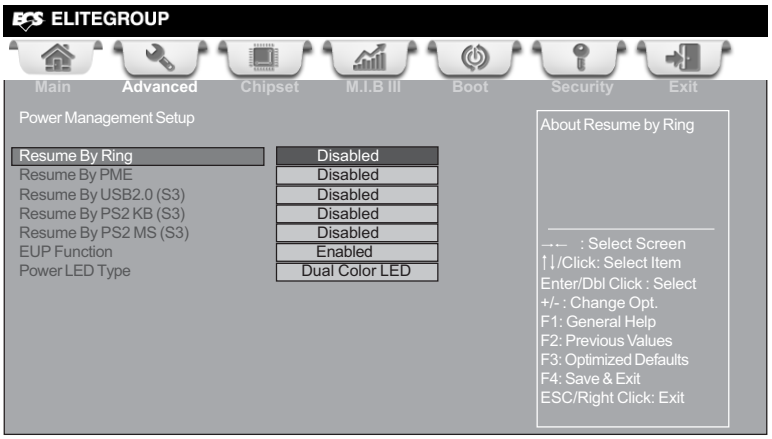
These items display the monitoring of the overall inboard hardware health events, such as System & CPU temperature, CPU & DIMM voltage, CPU & system fan speed,... etc.

- CPU Fan Speed
- CPU Voltage
- AXG Voltage
- DIMM Voltage

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Menu page.

Power Management Setup

This page sets up some parameters for system power management operation.



Resume By RING (Disabled)

An input signal on the serial Ring Indicator (RI) line (in other words, an incoming call on the modem) awakens the system from a soft off state.

Resume By PME (Disabled)

The system can be turned off with a software command. If you enable this item, the system can automatically resume if there is an incoming call on the PCI Modem or PCI LAN card. You must use an ATX power supply in order to use this feature. Use this item to do wake-up action if inserting the PCI card.

Resume By USB2.0 (S3) (Disabled)

This item allows you to enable/disable the USB device wakeup function from S3 mode.

Resume By PS2 KB (S3) (Disabled)

This item enables or disables you to allow keyboard activity to awaken the system from power saving mode.

Resume By PS2 MS (S3) (Disabled)

This item enables or disables you to allow mouse activity to awaken the system from power saving mode.

EUP Support (Enabled)

This item allows user to enable or disable EUP support.

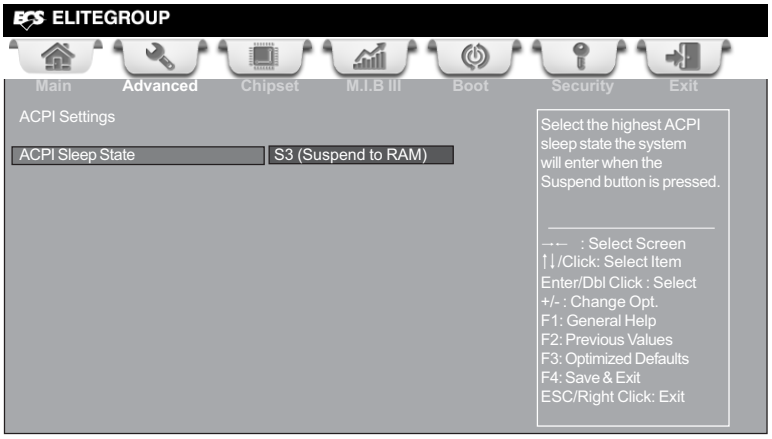
Power LED Type (Dual Color LED)

This item shows the type of the Power LED.

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Menu page.

ACPI Configuration

The item in the menu shows the highest ACPI sleep state when the system enters suspend.



ACPI Sleep State (S3(Suspend to RAM))

This item allows user to enter the ACPI S3 (Suspend toRAM) Sleep State(default).

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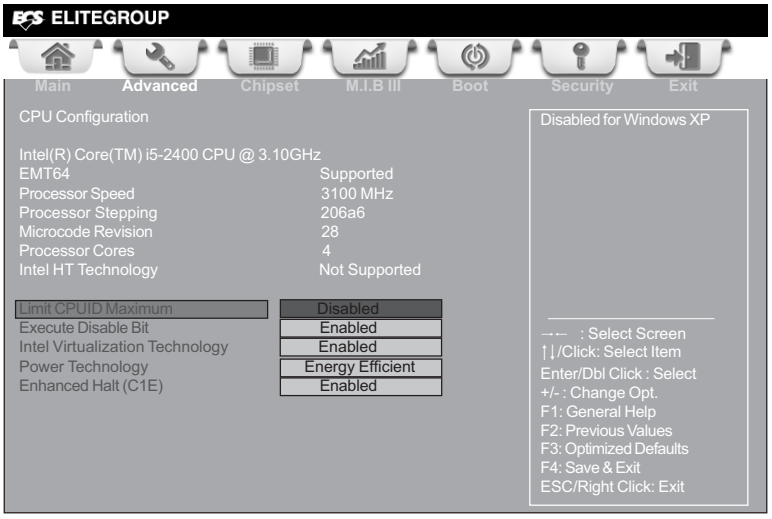
CPU Configuration

The item in the menu shows the CPU.



Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-2400 CPU @ 3.10GHz

This is display-only field and diaplays the information of the CPU installed in yourcomputer.

EMT64 (Supported)

This item shows the computer supports EMT64.

Processor Speed (3100 MHz)

This item shows the current processor speed.

Processor Stepping (206a6)

This item shows the processor stepping version.

Microcode Revision (28)

This item shows the Microcode version.

Processor Cores (4)

This item shows the core number of the processor.

Intel HT Technology (Not Supported)

This item shows that your computer supports Intel HT technology or not.

Limit CPUID Maximum (Disabled)

Use this item to enable or disable the maximum CPUID value limit. When supports Prescott and LGA775 CPUs, enables this to prevent the system from “rebooting” when trying to install Windows NT 4.0.

Execute Disable Bit (Enabled)

This item allows the processor to classify areas in memory by where application codecan execute and where it cannot. When a malicious worm attempts to insert code inthe buffer, the processor disables code execution, preventing damage or worm propa-gation. Replacing older computers with Execute Disable Bit enabled systems can haltworm attacks, reducing the need for virus related repair.

Intel Virtualization Technology (Enabled)

When disabled, a VMM cannot utilize the additional hardware capabilities providedby Vandor Pool Technology.

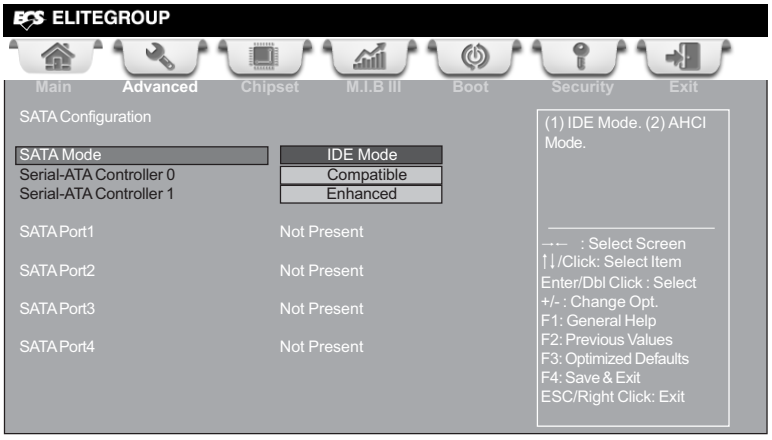
Enhanced Halt (C1E) (Enabled)

This item enables or disables enhanced halt.

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Menu page.

SATA Configuration

Use this item to show the mode of serial ATA configuration options.



SATA Mode (IDE Mode)

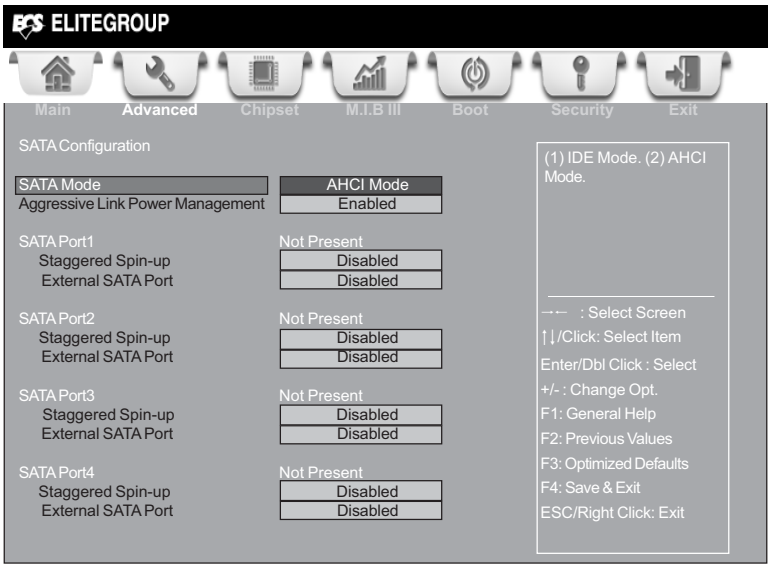
Use this item to select SATA mode.

Serial-ATA Controller 0/1 (Compatible/Enhanced)

Use these items to select the Serial-ATA controller options: Disabled, Compatible, Enabled.

SATA Port1~4 (Not Present)

This motherboard supports four SATA channels and each channel allows one SATA device to be installed. Use these items to configure each device on the SATA channel, and each channel allows one SATA device to be installed. Use these items to configure each device on the SATA channel.



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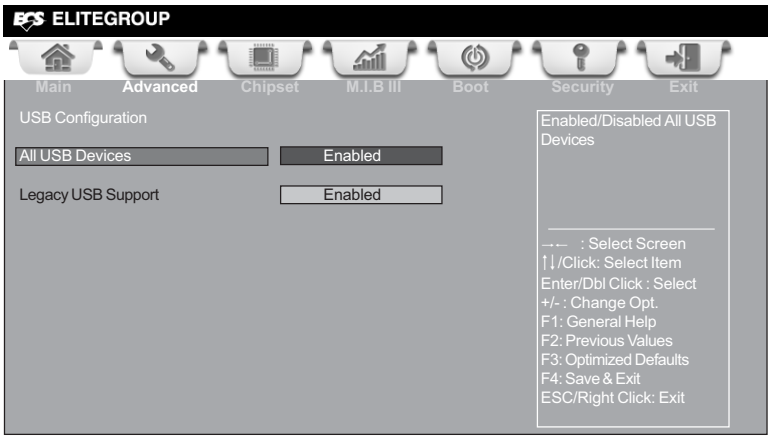
USB Configuration

Use this item to show the information of USB configuration.



All USB Devices (Enabled)

Use this item to enable or disable all USB devices.

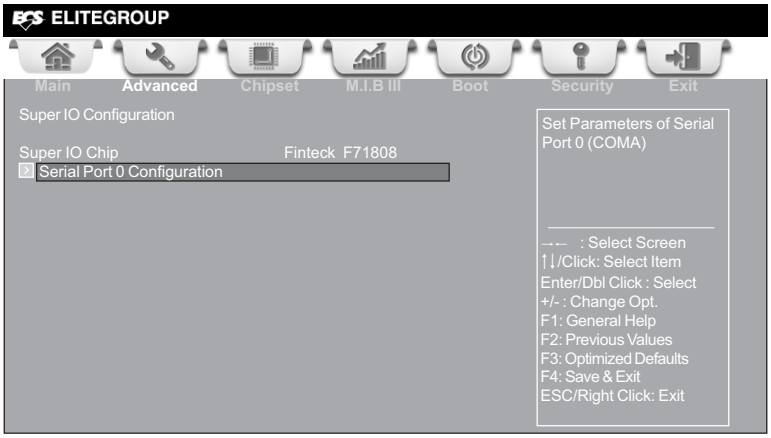
Legacy USB Support (Enabled)

Use this item to enable or disable support for legacy USB devices. Setting to Audio allows the system to detect the presence of the USB device at startup. If detected, the USB controller legacy mode is enabled. If no USB device is detected, the legacy USB support is disabled.

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Menu page.

Super IO Configuration

Use this item to show the information of Super IO configuration.

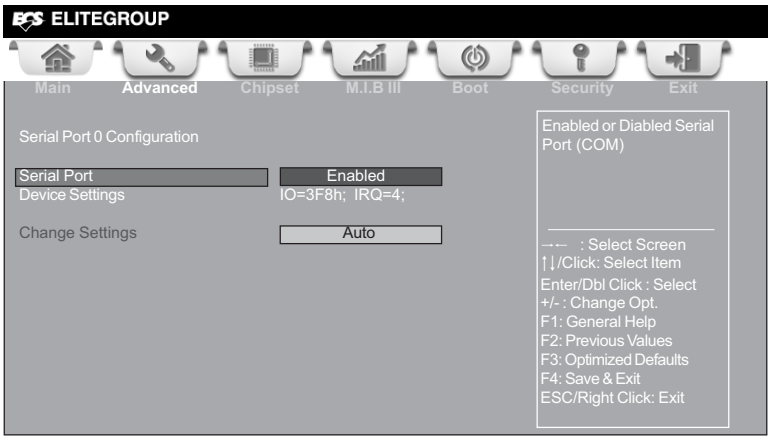


Serial IO Chip (Finteck F71808)

This item shows the information of the super IO chip.

►Serial Port 0 Configuration

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen:



Serial Port (Enabled)

This item allows you to enable or disable serial port.

Device Settings (IO=3F8h; IRQ=4)

This item shows the information of the device settings.

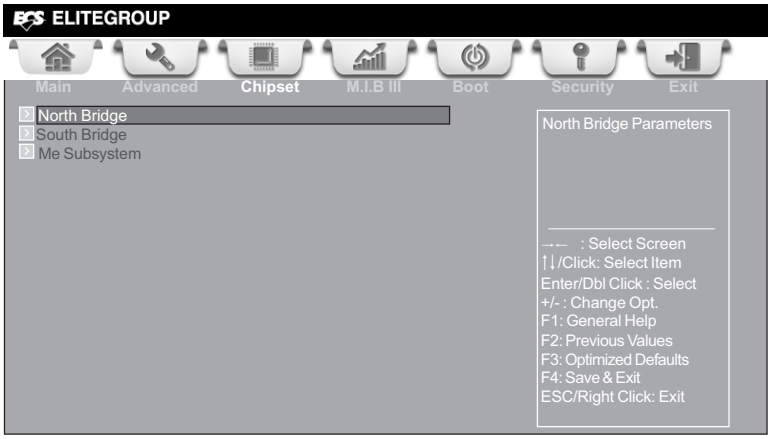
Change Settings (Auto)

Use this item to change device settings.

Press <Esc> to return to the Super IO Configuration page.

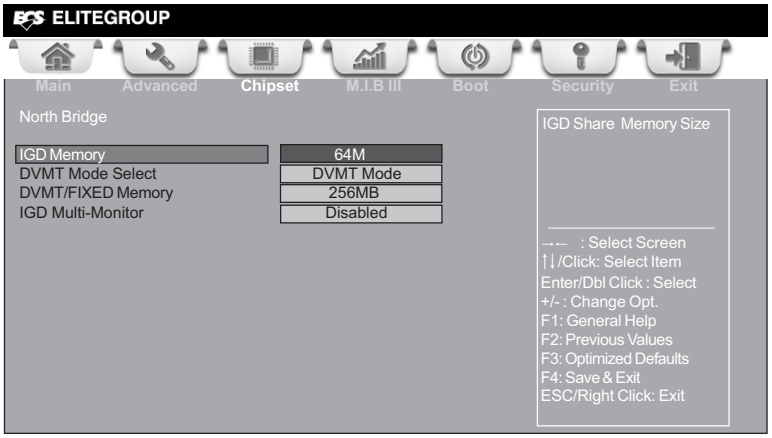
Chipset Menu

The chipset menu items allow you to change the settings for the North Bridge chipset, South Bridge chipset and other system.



►North Bridge

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> and view the following screen:



IGD Memory (64M)

This item shows the information of the IGD (Internal Graphics device) memory.

DVMT Mode Select (DVMT Mode)

This item allows you to select the DVMT operating mode.

DVMT/FIXED Memory (256MB)

When set to Fixed Mode, the graphics driver will reserve a fixed position of thesystem memory as graphics memory, according to system and graphics requirements.

IGD Multi-Monitor (Enabled)

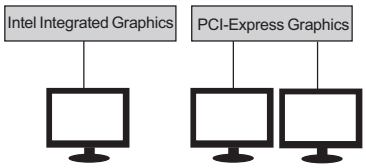
This item enables or disables IGD(Internal Graphics device) multi-monitor.

Press <Esc> to return to the Chipset Menu page.

Multi-Monitor technology

Multi-Monitor technology can help you to increase the area available for programs running on a single computer system through using multiple display devices.

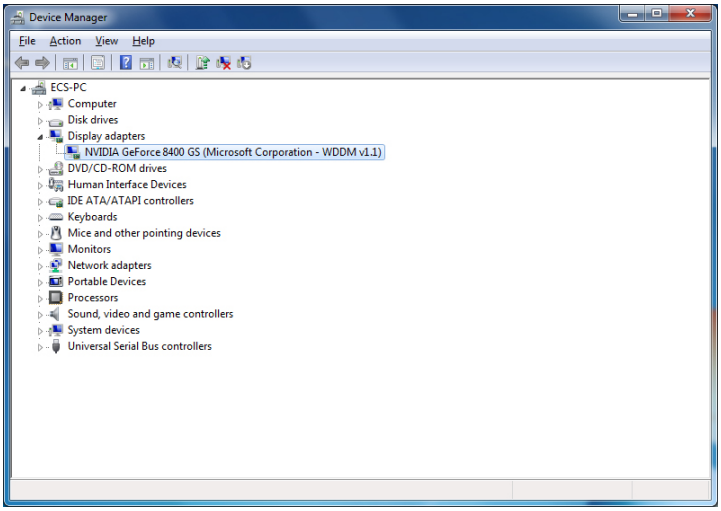
It is not only to increase larger screen viewing but aslo to improving personal productivity.



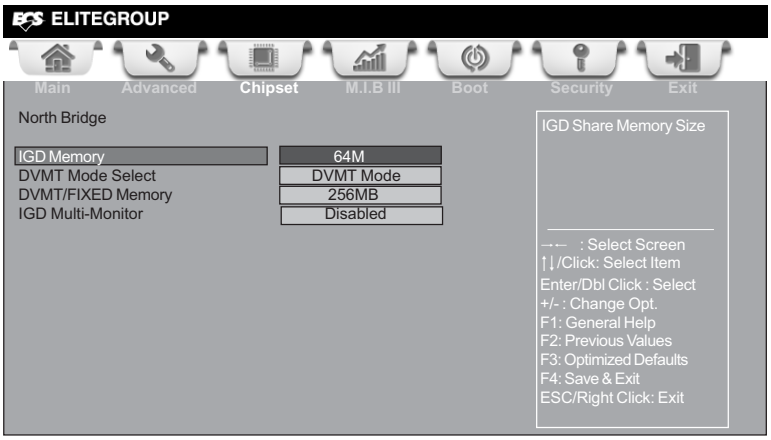
Please note that Multi-Monitor technology supports up to three monitors: one Intel integrated Graphics and one or two PCI-Express graphics devices under Windows 7.

Step 1. Insert ECS drives DVD to run Auto setup or browse the DVD to install Intel chipset drivers, VGA and sound drivers.(If you want know the detail information, please refer to chapter 4.)

Step 2. Install all the drivers of PCI-Express graphic cards. Click the Browse CD item, then appears the following screen. Select the driver you want to install(e.g NVIDIA GeForce 8400 GS(Microsoft Corporation-WDDM v1.1)) and double click it.

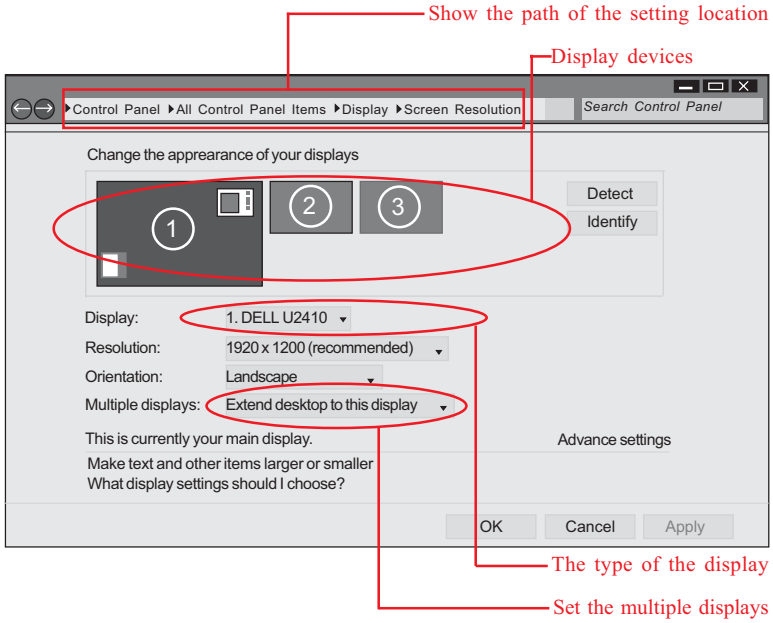


Step 3. Enable IGD Multi-Monitor from BIOS. In the following BIOS screen, please set IGD Multi-Monitor to [Enabled].

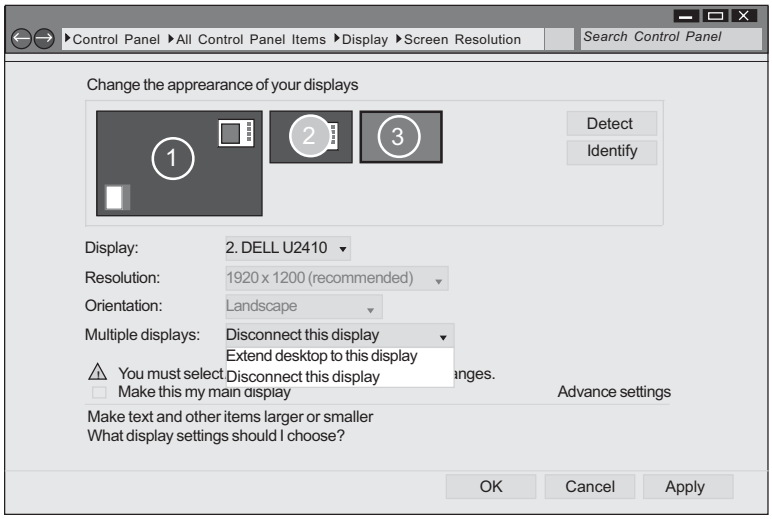


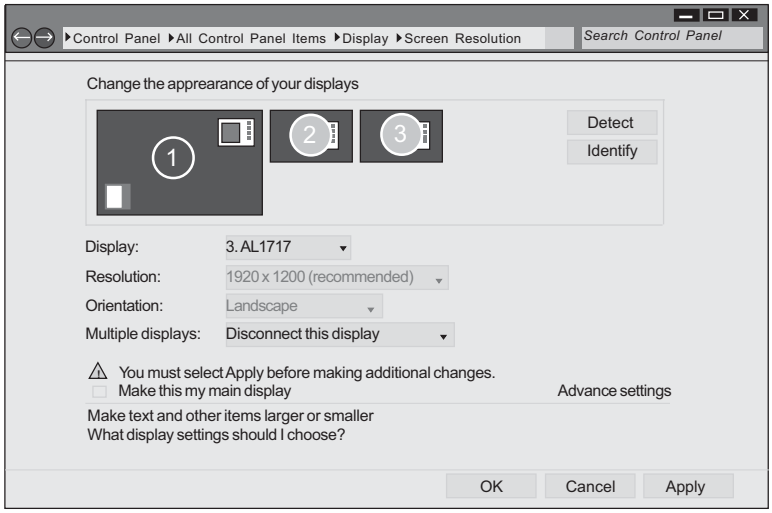
Step 4. Change the appearance of your displays under Windows 7.

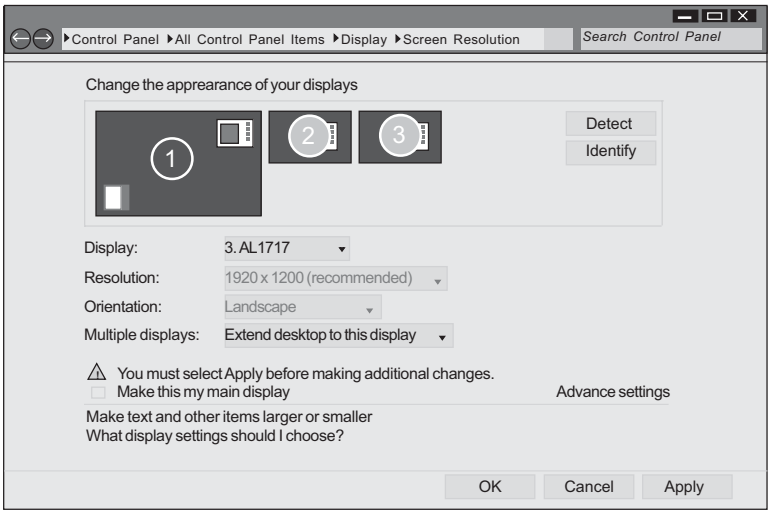
1. Enter the Control Panel menu, select the Display in the All Control Panel Items and click the Screen Resolution, then appears the following screen.



2.Select display devices, set the multiple displays option and to extend destop for display “Multi-Monitor technology”.

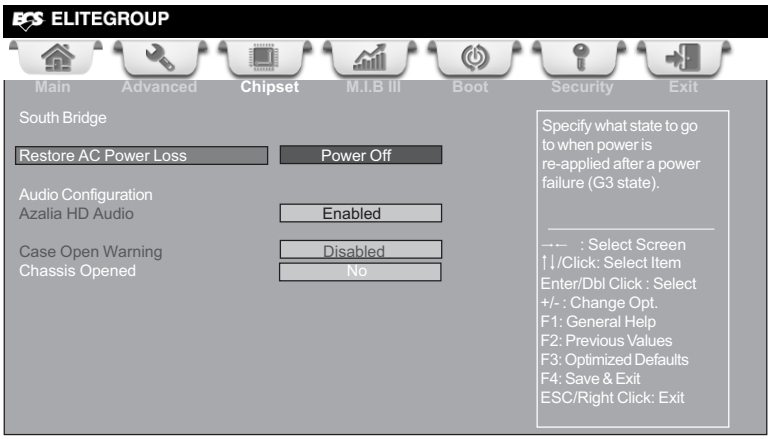



Control Panel ▸ All Control Panel Items ▸ Display ▸ Screen Resolution
Search Control Panel
Change the apprearance of your displays
1
2
3
Detect
Identify
Display: 3. AL1717
Resolution: 1920 x 1200 (recommended)
Orientation: Landscape
Multiple displays: Disconnect this display
You must select Apply before making additional changes.
Make this my main display
Advance settings
Make text and other items larger or smaller
What display settings should I choose?
OK
Cancel
Apply


Control Panel ▸ All Control Panel Items ▸ Display ▸ Screen Resolution
Search Control Panel
Change the apprearance of your displays
1
2
3
Detect
Identify
Display: 3. AL1717
Resolution: 1920 x 1200 (recommended)
Orientation: Landscape
Multiple displays: Extend desktop to this display
You must select Apply before making additional changes.
Make this my main display
Advance settings
Make text and other items larger or smaller
What display settings should I choose?
OK
Cancel
Apply

▶South Bridge

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen.



Restore AC Power Loss (Power Off)

This item specifies what state to go to when power is re-applied after a power failure (G3 state).

Azalia HD Audio (Enabled)

This item enables or disables Azalia HD audio.

Case Open Warning (Disabled)

This item enables or disables the warning if the case is opened up, and the item below indicates the current status of the case.

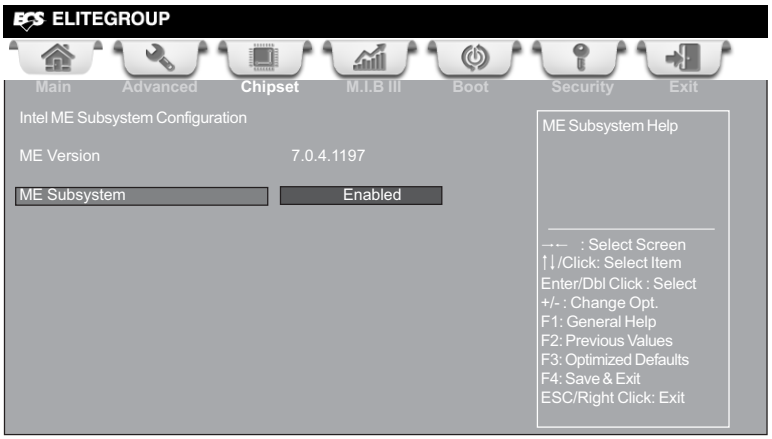
Chassis Opened (No)

This item indicates whether the case has been opened.

Press <Esc> to return to the Chipset Menu page.

▶ME Subsystem

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen.



ME Version (7.0.4.1197)

This item shows the ME version.

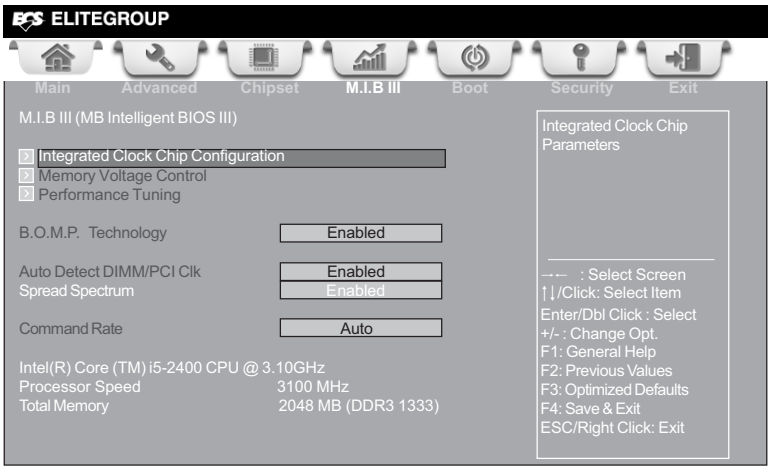
ME Subsystem (Enabled)

This item allows you to enable or disable ME subsystem.

Press <Esc> to return to the Chipset Menu page.

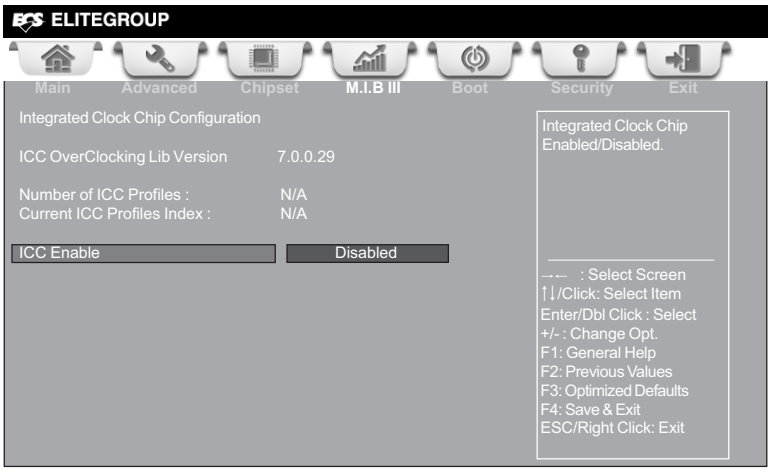
M.I.B III (MB Intelligent BIOS III) Menu

This page enables you to set the clock speed and system bus for your system. The clock speed and system bus are determined by the kind of processor you have installed in your system.



▶Integrated Clock Chip Configuration

Scroll to this item to view the following screen:



ICC Over-Clocking Lib Version (7.0.0.29)

This item shows the ICC over-clocking lib version.

Number of ICC Profiles (N/A)

This item shows number of ICC profiles.

Current ICC Profiles Index (N/A)

This item shows current ICC profiles index.

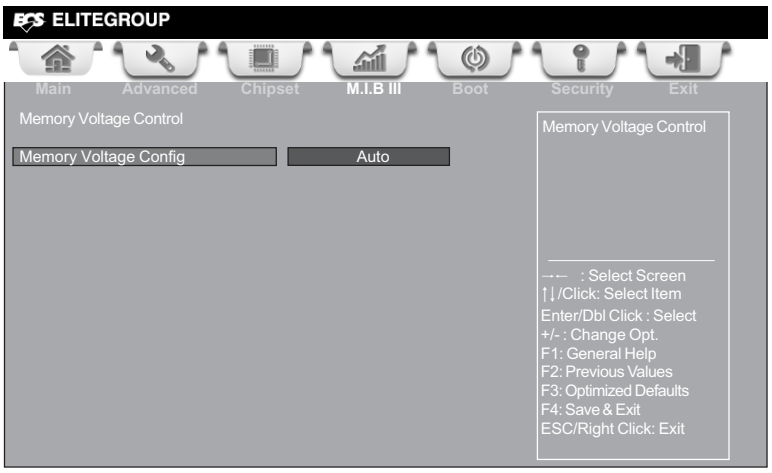
ICC Enable (Disabled)

This item allows you to enable or disable current ICC.

Press <Esc> to return to the M.I.B III Menu page.

►Memory Voltage Control

Scroll to this item to view the following screen:



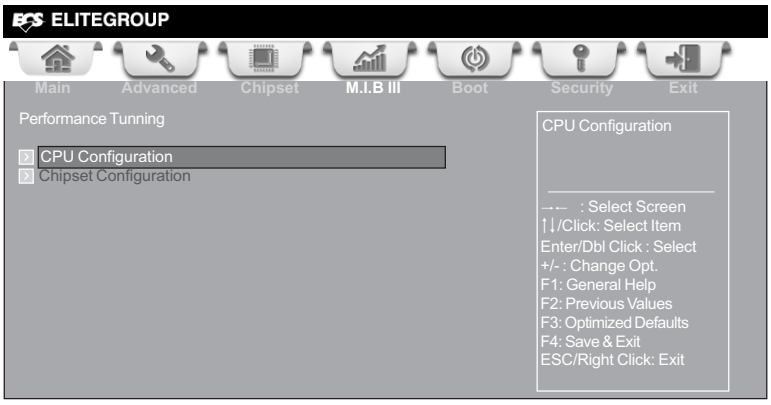
Memory Voltage Config (Auto)

This item allows users to select memory voltage config.

Press <Esc> to return to the M.I.B III Menu page.

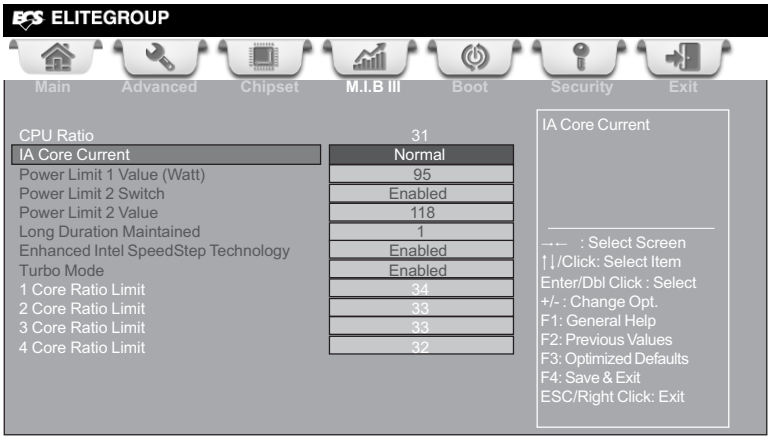
▶Performance Tunning

Scroll to this item to view the following screen:



▶CPU Configuration

Scroll to this item to view the following screen:



CPU Ratio (31)

This item allows users to control non turbo CPU ratio.

IA Core Current (Normal)

Use this item to control CPU Current Limit. This is for Turbo mode.

Power Limit 1 Value (Watt) (95)

Use this item to control the limit of the TDP. This is for Turbo mode.

Power Limit 2 Switch (Enabled)

Use this item to control the Power Limit 2. This is for Turbo mode.

Power Limit 2 Value (118)

Use this item to control Power Limit 2. PL2 provides an upper limit of the TDP excursions. This is for Turbo mode.

Enhanced Intel SpeedStep Technology (Enabled)

This item allows users to enable or disable the EIST (Enhanced Intel SpeedStep Technology).

Long Duration Maintained (1)

Use this item to control the time window over PL1 value should be maintained. This is for Turbo mode.

Turbo Mode (Enabled)

This item allows you to control the Intel Turbo Boost Technology.

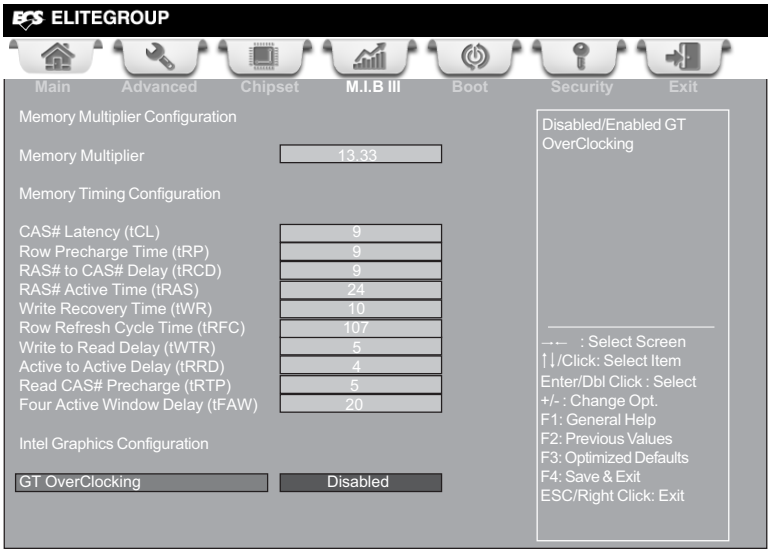
1/2/3/4 Core Ratio (34/33/33/32)

This item shows the Core Ratio limit value.

Press <Esc> to return to the Performance Tunning page.

▶Chipset Configuration

Scroll to this item to view the following screen:



Memory Multiplier (13.33)

This item shows the value of Memory Multiplier.

CAS# Latency (tCL) (9)

This item determines the operation of DDR SDRAM memory CAS (column address strobe). It is recommanded that you leave this item at the default value. The 2T setting requires faster memory that specifically supports this mode.

Row Precharge Time (tRP) (9)

This item specifies Row precharge to Active or Auto-Refresh of the same bank.

RAS# to CAS# Delay (tRCD) (9)

This item specifies the RAS# to CAS# delay to Rd/Wr command to the same bank.

RAS# Active Time (tRAS) (24)

This item specifies the RAS# active time.

Write Recovery Time (tWR) (10)

This item specifies the write to read delay.

ROW Refresh Cycle Time (tRFC) (107)

This item specifies the Row refresh cycle time.

Write to Read Delay (tWTR) (5)

This item specifies the write to read delay.

Active to Active Delay(tRRD) (4)

This item controls the ACTIVE bank x to ACTIVE bank y delay in memory clock cycles.

Read CAS# Precharge (tRTP) (5)

This item controls the Read to PRECHARGE delay for memory devices, in memory clock cycles.

Four Active Window Delay(tFAW) (20)

This item controls the four bank activate time in memory clock cycles.

GT OverClocking (Disabled)

This item allows you to control the internal GFX Turbo mode.

Press <Esc> to return to the Performance Tunning page.

Press <Esc> to return to the M.I.B.III Menu page.

B.O.M.P Technology (Enabled)

This item allows users to enable or disable B.O.M.P technology. This function can run safe setting to setup menu when system boot fail 3 times.

Auto Detect DIMM/PCI Clk (Enabled)

When this item is enabled, BIOS will disable the clock signal of free DIMM/PCI slots.

Spread Spectrum (Enabled)

If you enable spread spectrum, it can significantly reduce the EMI (Electro-Magnetic Interference) generated by the system.

Command Rate (Auto)

This item allows users to set command rate.

Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-2400 CPU @ 3.10GHz

This is display-only field and displays the information of the CPU installed in your computer.

Processor Speed (3100 MHz)

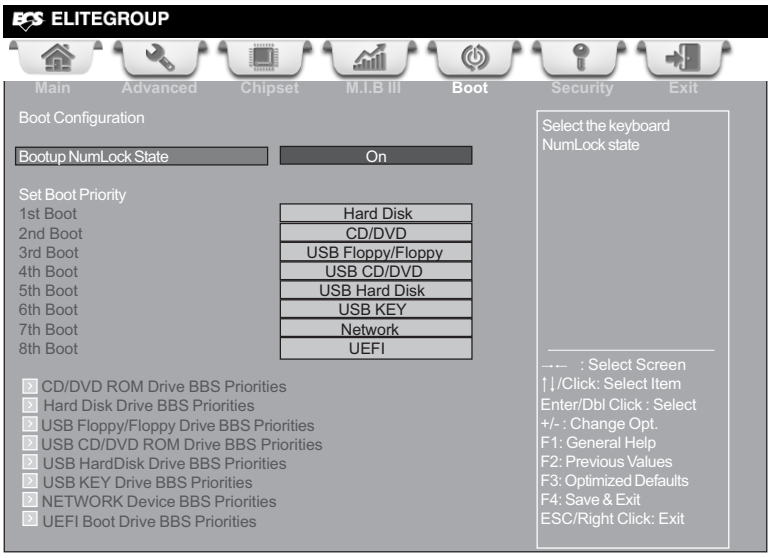
This item shows the CPU speed.

Total Memory (2048MB(DDR3 1333))

This item shows the total momery of DDR3.

Boot Menu

This page enables you to set the keyboard NumLock state.



Bootup NumLock State (On)

This item enables you to select NumLock state.

1st/2nd/3rd/4th/5th/6th/7ht/8th Boot

These items set the system boot order.

CD/DVD ROM Drive BBS Priorities

This item enables you to specify the sequence of loading the operating system from the installing CD/DVD ROM drives.

Hard Diks Drive BBS Priorities

This item enables you to specify the sequence of loading the operating system from the installing hard disk drives.

USB Floppy/Floppy Drive BBS Priorities

This item enables you to specify the sequence of loading the operating system from the installing USB floppy/floppy drives.

USB CD/DVD ROM Drive BBS Priorities

This item enables you to specify the sequence of loading the operating system from the installing USB CD/DVD ROM drives.

USB Hard Disk Drive BBS Priorities

This item enables you to specify the sequence of loading the operating system from the installing USB hard disk drives.

USB KEY Drive BBS Priorities

This item enables you to specify the sequence of loading the operating system from the installing USB KEY drives.

NETWORK Device BBS Priorities

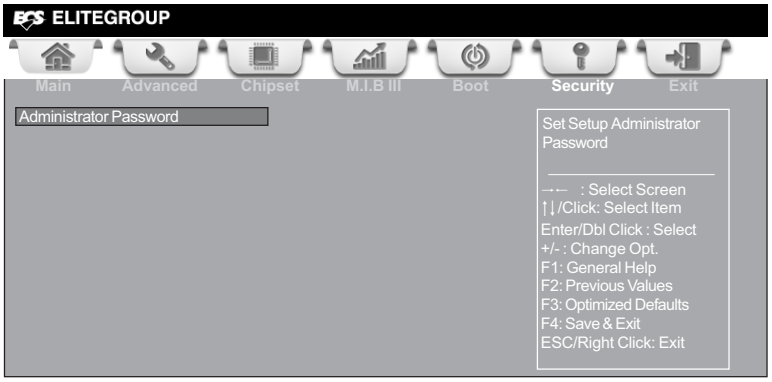
This item enables you to specify the sequence of loading the operating system from the installing network devices.

UEFI Boot Drive BBS Priorities

This item enables you to specify the sequence of loading the operating system from the installing UEFI Boot drives.

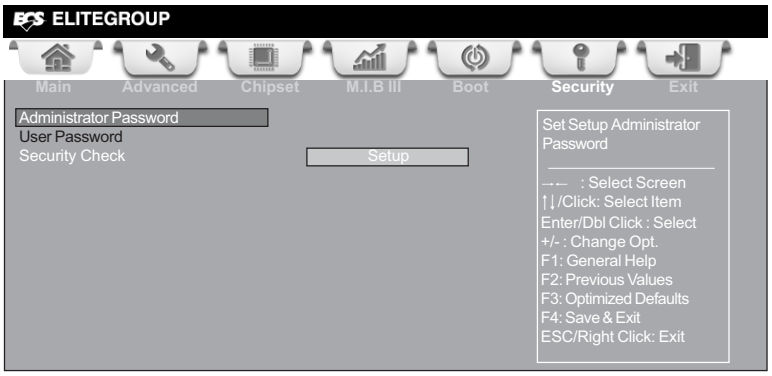
Security Menu

This page enables you to set setup administrator password and user password.



Administrator Password

Press <Enter> to setup administrator password.



User Password

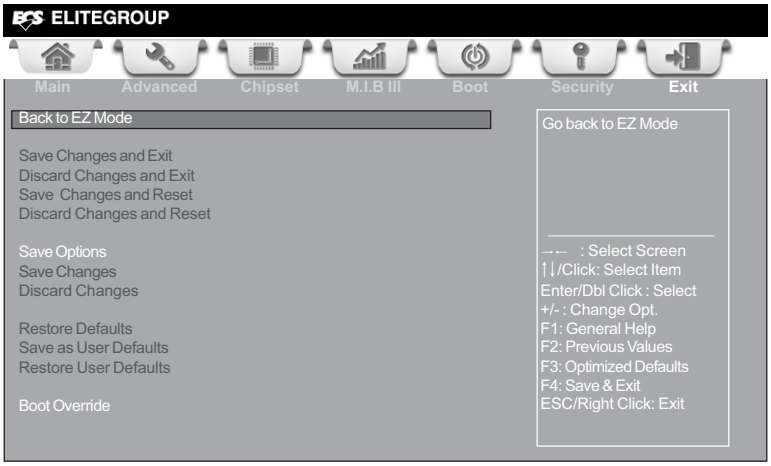
Press <Enter> to setup administrator password. (This item only show when administrator had been set.)

Security Check (Setup)

This item let you select when you need to check the password. (This item only show when administrator had been set.)

Exit Menu

This page enables you to exit system setup after saving or without saving the changes.



Back to EZ Mode
This item enables you to back to EZ mode.

Save Changes and Exit
This item enables you to exit system setup after saving the changes.

Discard Changes and Exit
This item enables you to exit system setup without saving any changes.

Save Changes and Reset
This item enables you to reset the system setup after saving the changes.

Discard Changes and Reset
This item enables you to reset system setup without saving any changes.

Save Options
This item enables you to save the options that you have made.

Save Changes
This item enables you to save the changes that you have made.

Discard Changes
This item enables you to discard any changes that you have made.

Restore Defaults
This item enables you to restore the system defaults.

Save as User Defaults
This item enables you to save the changes that you have made as user defaults.

Restore User Defaults
This item enables you to restore user defaults to all the setup options.

Boot Override

Use this item to select the boot device.

Updating the BIOS

You can download and install updated BIOS for this motherboard from the manufacturer's Website. New BIOS provides support for new peripherals, improvements in performance, or fixes for known bugs. Install new BIOS as follows:

1. If your motherboard has a BIOS protection jumper, change the setting to allow BIOS flashing.
2. If your motherboard has an item called Firmware Write Protect in Advanced BIOS features, disable it. (Firmware Write Protect prevents BIOS from being overwritten.)
3. Prepare a bootable device or create a bootable system disk. (Refer to Windows online help for information on creating a bootable system disk.)
4. Download the Flash Utility and new BIOS file from the manufacturer's Web site. Copy these files to the bootable device.
5. Turn off your computer and insert the bootable device in your computer. (You might need to run the Setup Utility and change the boot priority items on the Advanced BIOS Features Setup page, to force your computer to boot from the bootable device first.)
6. At the C:\ or A:\ prompt, type the Flash Utility program name and the file name of the new BIOS and then press <Enter>. Example: AFUDOS.EXE 040706.ROM
7. When the installation is complete, remove the bootable device from the computer and restart your computer. If your motherboard has a Flash BIOS jumper, reset the jumper to protect the newly installed BIOS from being overwritten. The computer will restart automatically.

This concludes Chapter 3. Refer to the next chapter for information on the software supplied with the motherboard.

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Chapter 4
Using the Motherboard Software

About the Software DVD-ROM/CD-ROM

The support software DVD-ROM/CD-ROM that is included in the motherboard package contains all the drivers and utility programs needed to properly run the bundled products. Below you can find a brief description of each software program, and the location for your motherboard version. More information on some programs is available in a README file, located in the same directory as the software. Before installing any software, always inspect the folder for files named README.TXT or something similar. These files may contain important information that is not included in this manual.

1. Never try to install all software from folder that is not specified for use with your motherboard.

2. The notice of Intel HD Audio Installation (optional): The Intel High Definition audio functionality unexpectedly quits working in Windows Server 2003 Service Pack 1 or Windows XP Professional x64 Edition. Users need to download and install the update packages from the Microsoft Download Center ***"before"*** *installing HD audio driver bundled in the driver disk. Please log on to http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;901105#appliesto for more information.*

Auto-installing under Windows XP/Vista/7

The Auto-install DVD-ROM/CD-ROM makes it easy for you to install the drivers and software for your motherboard.

If the Auto-install DVD-ROM/CD-ROM does not work on your system, you can still install drivers through the file manager for your OS (for example, Windows Explorer). Refer to the Utility Folder Installation Notes later in this chapter.

The support software DVD-ROM/CD-ROM disc loads automatically under Windows XP/Vista/7. When you insert the DVD-ROM/CD-ROM disc in the DVD-ROM/CD-ROM drive, the autorun feature will automatically bring up the install screen. The screen has three buttons on it, Setup, Browse CD and Exit.

* *For reference only*

If the opening screen does not appear; double-click the file "setup.exe" in the root directory.

Drivers

Setup	Click the **Setup** button to run the software installation program. Select from the menu which software you want to install.
Utilities	Click the **Utilities** button to display the application software and other software utilities that are available on the disk. Select the sofware you want to install then follow installation procedure.
Browse CD	The **Browse CD** button is the standard Windows command that allows you to open Windows Explorer and show the contents of the support disk. Before installing the software from Windows Explorer, look for a file named README.TXT or something similar. This file may contain important information to help you install the software correctly. Some software is installed in separate folders for different operating systems. In installing the software, execute a file named SETUP.EXE by double-clicking the file and then following the instructions on the screen.
Exit	The **EXIT** button closes the Auto Setup window.

Utilities

Lists the software utilities that are available on the disk.

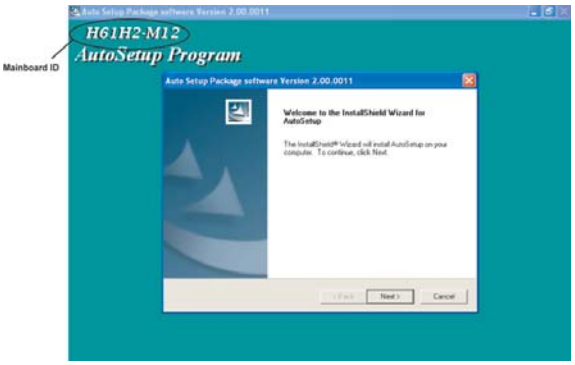
Information

Displays the path for all software and drivers available on the disk.

Running Setup

Follow these instructions to install device drivers and software for the motherboard:

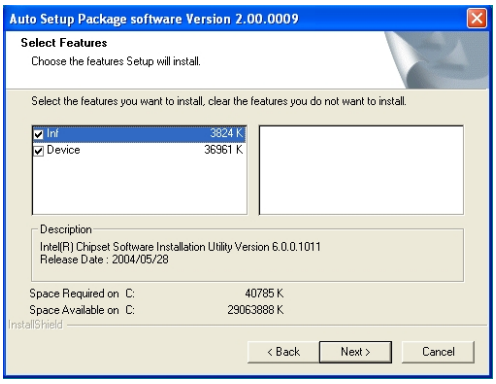
1. *Click **Setup**. The installation program begins:*



The following screens are examples only. The screens and driver lists will be different according to the motherboard you are installing.

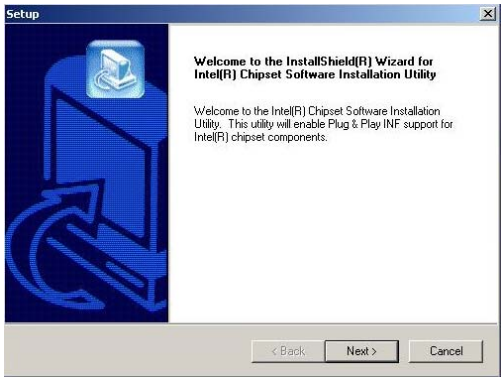
The motherboard identification is located in the upper left-hand corner.

2. *Click **Next.** The following screen appears:*


Auto Setup Package software Version 2.00.0009
Select Features
Choose the features Setup will install.
Select the features you want to install, clear the features you do not want to install.
Inf 3824 K
Device 36961 K
Description
Intel(R) Chipset Software Installation Utility Version 6.0.0.1011
Release Date : 2004/05/28
Space Required on C: 40785 K
Space Available on C: 29063888 K
InstallShield
< Back
Next >
Cancel

3. *Check the box next to the items you want to install. The default options are recommended.*

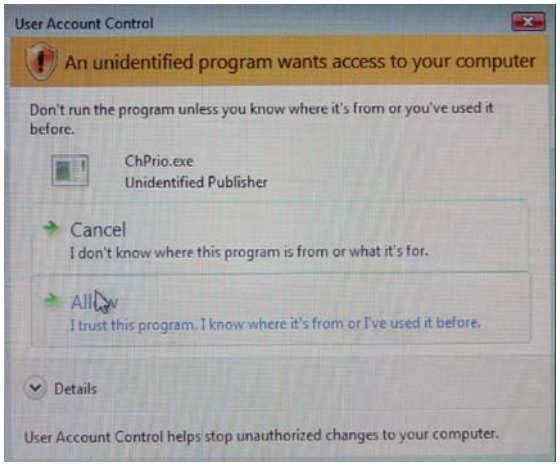
4. *Click **Next** run the Installation Wizard. An item installation screen appears:*


Setup
Welcome to the InstallShield(R) Wizard for Intel(R) Chipset Software Installation Utility
Welcome to the Intel(R) Chipset Software Installation Utility. This utility will enable Plug & Play INF support for Intel(R) chipset components.
< Back
Next >
Cancel

5. *Follow the instructions on the screen to install the items.*

Drivers and software are automatically installed in sequence. Follow the onscreen instructions, confirm commands and allow the computer to restart a few times to complete the installation.

Windows Vista/7 will appear below UAC (User Account Control) message after the system restart. You must select "Allow" to install the next driver. Continue this process to complete the drivers installation.


User Account Control
An unidentified program wants access to your computer
Don't run the program unless you know where it's from or you've used it before.
ChPrio.exe
Unidentified Publisher
Cancel
I don't know where this program is from or what it's for.
Allow
I trust this program. I know where it's from or I've used it before.
Details
User Account Control helps stop unauthorized changes to your computer.

Manual Installation

Insert the disk in the DVD-ROM/CD-ROM drive and locate the PATH.DOC file in the root directory. This file contains the information needed to locate the drivers for your motherboard.

Look for the chipset and motherboard model; then browse to the directory and path to begin installing the drivers. Most drivers have a setup program (SETUP.EXE) that automatically detects your operating system before installation. Other drivers have the setup program located in the operating system subfolder.

If the driver you want to install does not have a setup program, browse to the operating system subfolder and locate the readme text file (README.TXT or README.DOC) for information on installing the driver or software for your operating system.

Utility Software Reference

All the utility software available from this page is Windows compliant. They are provided only for the convenience of the customer. The following software is furnished under license and may only be used or copied in accordance with the terms of the license.

These software(s) are subject to change at anytime without prior notice. Please refer to the support disk for available software.

Chapter 5
Trouble Shooting

Start up problems during assembly

After assembling the PC for the first time you may experience some start up problems. Before calling for technical support or returning for warranty, this chapter may help to address some of the common questions using some basic troubleshooting tips.

a) System does not power up and the fans are not running.

1.Disassemble the PC to remove the VGA adaptor card, DDR memory, LAN, USB and other peripherals including keyboard and mouse. Leave only the motherboard, CPU with CPU cooler and power supply connected. Turn on again to see if the CPU and power supply fans are running.

2. Make sure to remove any unused screws or other metal objects such as screwdrivers from the inside PC case. This is to prevent damage from short circuit.

3. Check the CPU FAN connector is connected to the motherboard.

4. For Intel platforms check the pins on the CPU socket for damage or bent. A bent pin may cause failure to boot and sometimes permanent damage from short circuit.

5. Check the 12V power connector is connected to the motherboard.

6. Check that the 12V power & ATX connectors are fully inserted into the motherboard connectors. Make sure the latches of the cable and connector are locked into place.

b) Power is on, fans are running but there is no display

1. Make sure the monitor is turned on and the monitor cable is properly connected to the PC.

2. Check the VGA adapter card (if applicable) is inserted properly.

3. Listen for beep sounds. If you are using internal PC speaker make sure it is connected.
   a. continuous 3 short beeps : memory not detected
   b. 1 long beep and 8 short beeps : VGA not detected

c) The PC suddenly shuts down while booting up.

1. The CPU may experience overheating so it will shutdown to protect itself. Ensure the CPU fan is working properly.

2. From the BIOS setting, try to disable the Smartfan function to let the fan run at default speed. Doing a Load Optimised Default will also disable the Smartfan.

Start up problems after prolong use

After a prolong period of use your PC may experience start up problems again. This may be caused by breakdown of devices connected to the motherboard such as HDD, CPU fan, etc. The following tips may help to revive the PC or identify the cause of failure.

1. Clear the CMOS values using the CLR_CMOS jumper. Refer to CLR_CMOS jumper in Chapter 2 for Checking Jumper Settings in this user manual. When completed, follow up with a Load Optimised Default in the BIOS setup.

2. Check the CPU cooler fan for dust. Long term accumulation of dust will reduce its effectiveness to cool the processor. Clean the cooler or replace a new one if necessary.

3. Check that the 12V power & ATX connectors are fully inserted into the motherboard connectors. Make sure the latches of the cable and connector are locked into place.

4. Remove the hard drive, optical drive or DDR memory to determine which of these components may be at fault.

Maintenance and care tips

Your computer, like any electrical appliance, requires proper care and maintenance. Here are some basic PC care tips to help prolong the life of the motherboard and keep it running as best as it can.

1. Keep your computer in a well ventilated area. Leave some space between the PC and the wall for sufficient airflow.

2. Keep your computer in a cool dry place. Avoid dusty areas, direct sunlight and areas of high moisture content.

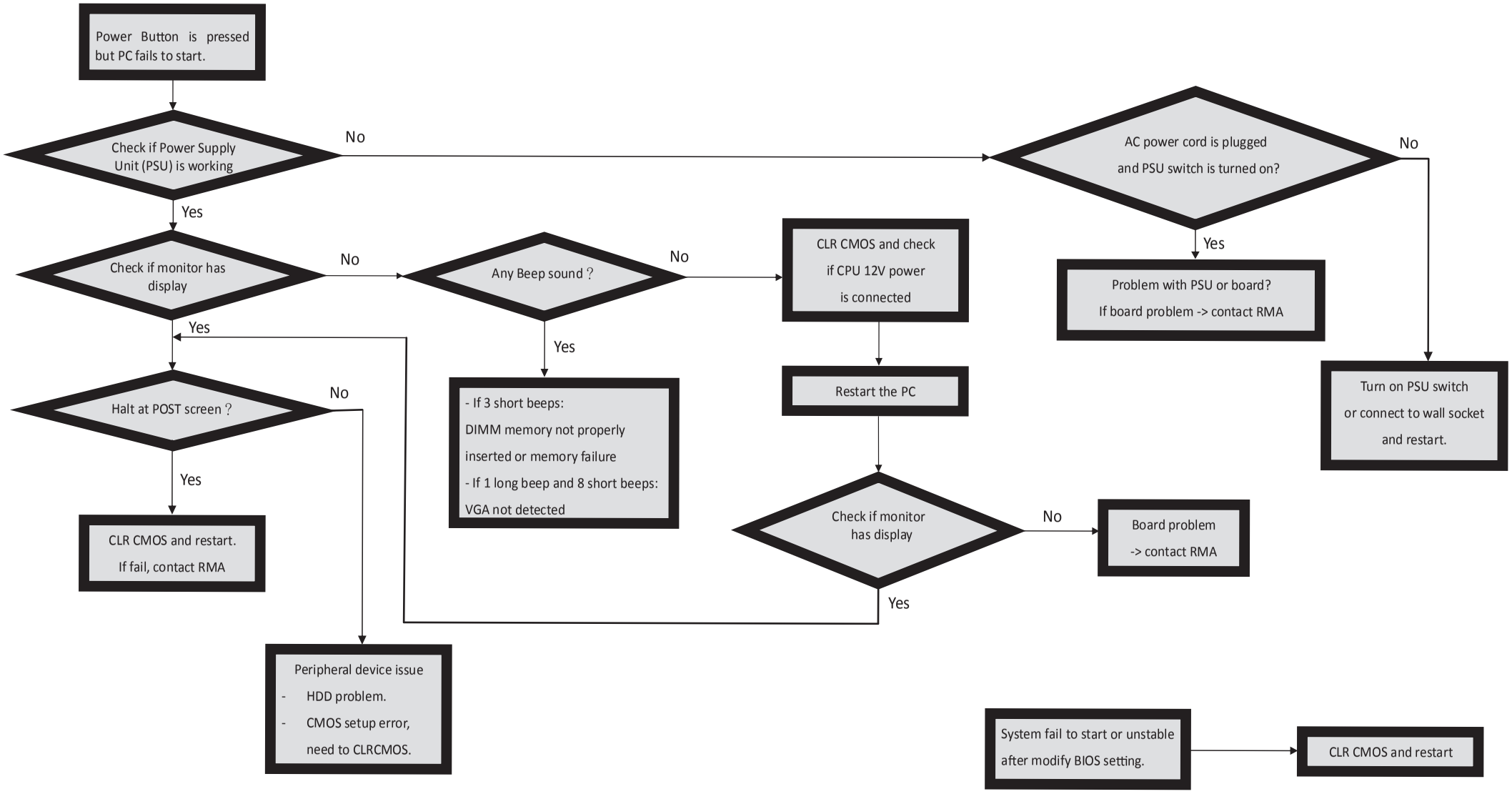
3. Routinely clean the CPU cooler fan to remove dust and hair.

4. In places of hot and humid weather you should turn on your computer once every other week to circulate the air and prevent damage from humidity.

5. Add more memory to your computer if possible. This not only speeds up the system but also reduces the loading of your hard drive to prolong its life span.

6. If possible, ensure the power cord has an earth ground pin directly from the wall outlet. This will reduce voltage fluctuation that may damage sensitive devices.

Basic Troubleshooting Flowchart


Power Button is pressed but PC fails to start.
Check if Power Supply Unit (PSU) is working
No
AC power cord is plugged and PSU switch is turned on?
No
Yes
Problem with PSU or board? If board problem -> contact RMA
Turn on PSU switch or connect to wall socket and restart.
Yes
Check if monitor has display
No
Any Beep sound ?
No
CLR CMOS and check if CPU 12V power is connected
Yes
- If 3 short beeps: DIMM memory not properly inserted or memory failure
- If 1 long beep and 8 short beeps: VGA not detected
Yes
Restart the PC
Yes
Halt at POST screen ?
No
Yes
CLR CMOS and restart. If fail, contact RMA
Check if monitor has display
No
Board problem -> contact RMA
Yes
Peripheral device issue
- HDD problem.
- CMOS setup error, need to CLRCMOS.
System fail to start or unstable after modify BIOS setting.
CLR CMOS and restart

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